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## NARROW ESCAPE OF GOVERNMENT.

## MAJORITY OF EIGHT IN COAL BILL VOTE.

## LIBERAL-TORY COALITION GOES DOWN TO DEFEAT.

## EXCITEMENT IN HOUSE.

A narrow escape, but a triumph for Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's Government will be the verdict on the critical debate on the Coal Mines Bill. The division was taken shortly before midnight and Labour, mustering practically full strength, defeated the combined Conservatives and Liberals by the narrow margin of eight votes.

Two Liberals voted with Labour, five abstained and forty-one, including Mr. Lloyd George, joined with 225 Conservatives in opposition to the Government.

The two most important speeches were made by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. The Liberal leader described the Bill as incredibly bad and as containing all the worst features of Socialism with none of its redeeming features. He severely criticised the marketing proposals and demanded provisions for the compulsory grouping of mines.

The Premier defended the principle of price protection, but contended that the Bill was pre-eminently one for committee discussion.

The division resulted as follows:  
For the Government: ..... 281  
Against Government: ..... 273

Twenty members were paired and the House, therefore, mustered a strength of 579 against a full strength of 615, a remarkable commentary on the importance attached to the debate and the activity of the Party Whips.

Great excitement prevailed throughout. It is understood that the Government will now exhaustively examine details of the Bill, preparatory to the tussle which is certain in committee.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S INDICTMENT.

London, Dec. 19.  
The House of Commons to-day resumed the debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill, which had been adjourned from Tuesday.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister on Tuesday moved a Conservative amendment for the rejection of the Measure, while Sir Herbert Samuel, the Liberal spokesman, adversely criticised its provisions for the marketing schemes.

Sir Herbert Samuel put certain questions to the Government which were answered by Mr. Ben Turner, the Minister for Mines. These replies were considered yesterday outside the House by the Liberals, who regarded them as unsatisfactory.

When the debate was resumed, Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, made an eagerly awaited speech.

**Socialism.**

He declared that the Bill contained the worst features of socialism and individualism without the redeeming features of either. The two provisions of the Bill of which he approved were those relating to the reduction of hours and to the establishment of a National Wages Board.

Nine-tenths of the Bill consisted of a fixation of prices and a limitation of coal output.

He contended that there were two ways of meeting the deficit on the working of coal mines. One was the crude method of putting up prices. The other was a method of reorganising the industry so as to save in production and distribution.

The latter was the method that would benefit miners and mine-owners and the country as a whole.

The Government had chosen the crude burdensome method, easy but pernicious, of merely putting up prices.

The alternative to this was a grouping of the mines in such a way as to save the costs of production and distribution. He now asked the President of the Board of Trade whether the Government would undertake to introduce into the Bill in com-

mittee, complete provisions to compel the grouping of mines. He described the Bill as "incredibly bad" and said he did not believe the Government would try to put it through in anything like its present shape. He hinted that if Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was prepared to make concessions, the Liberals would not interfere with the second reading, but they would reserve complete freedom to deal with its "vicious provisions" in Committee.

Mr. Ben Turner's answer to Sir Herbert Samuel's question on the point of mine grouping was that the Government had power in the Bill to appoint commissioners to draw up amalgamation schemes.

Mr. Lloyd George insisted that provisions for compulsory grouping must be contained in the Bill itself. This matter, he said, was vital and the Liberal Party would deal with the matter in the committee stage.

**Premier Winds Up.**

After a long debate, in which the Conservatives expressed disapproval of the whole Bill, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald wound up the discussion with a well-balanced and conciliatory speech.

The Prime Minister reminded the House that the existing legislation affecting the coal industry would terminate in 1931 and that the position must be faced long before that.

There could be no solution of the coal problem, he said, until the problem of price had been faced.

**Extravagant Competition.**

The Government was of the opinion that there had been extravagant internal competition and they were trying to stop this. Coal had been sold at levels which did not permit the decent organisation of the industry itself, which did not permit the payment of decent wages to the miners and which did not permit of any profits on the industry.

Royalties, he said, must be nationalised without delay.

As regards the Bill which had been submitted, he contended that it was pre-eminently one for Committee discussion.

The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill after the (Continued on Page 16.)

## FRANCE ON NAVAL SECURITY.

## LEARNED "NO" FROM MR. SNOWDEN.

## KING TO OPEN THE NAVAL CONFERENCE.

## AMERICA'S NEW BASES.

As the date for the Five-Power Naval Conference in London approaches, growing interest is being taken in the prospects of an agreement being reached by the participating nations.

His Majesty the King is to open the first public plenary meeting of the Conference, and will deliver the opening address.

Meanwhile, France is adopting a somewhat independent attitude, contending that she must be the sole judge of what is necessary for her security.

**Premier's Announcement.**

London, Dec. 19.  
The Premier announced in the House of Commons to-day that His Majesty the King will open the first public plenary meeting of the Five-Power Naval Conference, which will be held on January 21st in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords. His Majesty will deliver the opening address.

The second plenary meeting of the Conference, and all subsequent meetings, will be held at St. James's Palace, which the King has placed at the disposal of the Government for the duration of the Conference.

All questions relating to the subsequent proceedings of the Conference and the holding of further public meetings will be left for discussion by the Conference itself.—British Wireless.

**French Attitude.**

Paris, Dec. 19.  
"We shall go to London in the spirit of fair play; we shall lay down our figures on the table, but London is only a stage en route to Geneva." Thus declared M. Dumesnil, the Rapporteur of the Ministry of Marine Budget, in the course of a debate in the Chamber on the Ministry's Estimates.

M. Dumesnil proclaimed France's sovereign right to be the sole judge of what is necessary for her security.

He declared that the principle of the abolition of submarines was unacceptable.

M. Leygues, the Minister of Marine, here interrupted M. Dumesnil's speech and expressed agreement on this point, amidst loud cheers, when M. Dumesnil added:—"It is useful for Parliament to manifest determination on this point."

**Mr. Snowden's "No."**

Continuing his speech, M. Dumesnil declared:—"We must adopt the same policy in London as at Geneva—that sea, land and air armaments are independent."

He added:—"France has a right to say 'No.' Mr. Snowden taught us how to say it in English."—Reuter.

**New U.S. Bases.**

Washington, Dec. 19.  
The Naval Committee of the House of Representatives has approved a Bill authorising an expenditure of \$3,750,000 for the construction of naval bases on the east and west coasts of the United States, as well as in the Panama Canal zone and at Hawaii.—Reuter's American Service.

**U. S. Paper Creates Trouble.**

Washington, Dec. 19.  
The peaceful atmosphere surrounding the visit of the Japanese delegation to the London Conference has been shattered by a controversy which has suddenly arisen as the result of an outspoken leading article in the Washington Post which Mr. Stimson has described as "a deliberate attempt to make trouble among the American delegates to the (Continued on Page 16.)"

## FINANCIAL CRISIS IN GERMANY.

## FRICITION BETWEEN SCHACHT AND HILFERDING.

## BANKER GETS HIS WAY.

Berlin, Dec. 19.  
The friction between Dr. Schacht, the President of the Reichsbank, and Herr Hilferding, the Finance Minister, has been renewed in connection with the Government's efforts to negotiate a loan with American bankers of \$300,000,000 to replenish the empty exchequer to meet the obligations of the end of the year. Dr. Schacht is reported to have refused to assent unless a new Finance Minister is appointed to handle the finances of the country more energetically and in conformity with the policy of the Reichsbank. Hence, Herr Hilferding's resignation is likely.

Later.  
Herr Hilferding has apparently saved his post, at least for the time being. The Government has agreed with Dr. Schacht to drop the loan negotiations with the (Continued on Page 16.)

## SHARE CRISIS REPORTED IN SHANGHAI.

Several Brokers Face Possible Expulsion.

## SETTLEMENT PROBLEMS.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.  
Further difficulties have occurred in connection with the Stock Exchange settlement.

It is reported that another broker, hitherto considered sound, has suddenly and unexpectedly found himself unable to meet his commitments, a big amount being involved, it is believed.

Several brokers are said to be facing possible expulsion from the Stock Exchange, and scepticism is growing regarding the wisdom of the recent amalgamation of the two Exchanges.—Our Own Correspondent.

American bankers, Messrs. Dillon Reed and Company, and to obtain the necessary \$450,000,000 from German banks.

The Government parties have brought an urgent Bill into the Reichstag, guaranteeing the amount required, by taxation and economies in expenditure.

The Government's financial difficulties are thus at an end, at least temporarily. It is the general opinion that Herr Hilferding will remain as Finance Minister until after the Second Hague Conference and that he will then resign in favour of someone approved by Dr. Schacht.—Reuter.

## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

## ROTHERHAM WIN F. A. CUP REPLAY.

London, Dec. 19.  
At Rotherham to-day, in the F. A. Cup replay, Rotherham defeated Scunthorpe by five goals to four and qualified to meet Nottingham Forest in the next round, at Keston.

In the Northern Section of the Third League, Halifax defeated Wrexham by two goals to nil.—Reuter.

## NANKING OUTLOOK IMPROVES.

## BRITISH WOMEN RETURNING TO-MORROW.

London, Dec. 19.  
Reports from Nanking state that the local situation is steadily improving, and confidence has been restored. The British Consul General is authorising the return of British women to the town on Saturday.—British Wireless.

## NIGERIAN RIOTS SUPPRESSED.

## NATIVE WAR-CANOES ON THE RIVER.

## TROOPS EFFECT RESCUE OF CHIEFTAIN.

## SHOOTING JUSTIFIED.

London, Dec. 19.  
That there were a large number of native war-canoes lying in the river during the rioting in Opo, Nigeria, evidently brought along for the purpose of carrying off loot, is revealed by the latest information of the serious disturbances in the early part of this week.

There is little doubt, therefore, that the rioting was carried out on an organised scale.

When a contingent of the West African Frontier Force arrived in the nick of time, they drove off the canoes and then dispersed the mob.

**Chieftain Seized by Mob.**

Soon afterwards it was learned that Markpepple Jaja, the Chieftain, has been seized by the rioters and was being held a prisoner in the native quarter. Apparently, Jaja, who is a member of the Nigerian Legislative Council, endeavoured to stay the rioting, and was overwhelmed by the angry mob.

The troops were immediately despatched into the native quarter and after some little trouble rescued Jaja, who had suffered no real harm.

**Control Gained.**

Latest information reaching London is to the effect that the situation is now well in control. The death-roll among the natives is given as twenty, including a number of women.

The number of wounded is believed to be heavy, but the exact figure is not yet known.

**Warehouse Attack.**

Troops of the West African Frontier Force arrived at Opo just in time to prevent the mob from looting the warehouses at the railway station.

The rioters attacked the troops, who tried to persuade them to disperse without resorting to force. The natives, however, endeavoured to snatch the rifles from the soldiers, who under great pressure, were obliged to fire on the mob. When the order was given, a volley dispersed the rioters, who retired rapidly leaving many casualties.

Apparently there were no casualties among the troops.

**Only Possible Course.**

Order has now been restored. The Administrative Authorities, who have already conducted an enquiry into the affair, are of the opinion that the decision of the officer to order the troops to fire was the only possible course in the difficult circumstances.

The factories at Opo have now been re-opened. The troops have been withdrawn, and the police are in control.

The authorities are of the opinion that there will be no recurrence of the rioting, which seems to have been fomented by the womenfolk under a misapprehension regarding the Government's poll tax decision. Apparently, it was thought that a special tax on women was to be imposed. Of course, this was never within contemplation.—Reuter.

## RECENT KIEL ARMS SMUGGLING.

## DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED: SECRET TRIAL.

Berlin, Dec. 19.  
The six alleged munitions smugglers, arrested as the result of a haul of millions of rounds of ammunition at Kiel recently, in boxes marked "Machinery" and destined for China, have been acquitted, with costs against the State.

Throughout the trial the Press and public were excluded from the Court. The Press were not even allowed to hear the reasons for the judgment.—Reuter.

## SECOND TUNIS AIR SMASH FEARED.

## THREE FRENCH AIRMEN NOW MISSING.

## NO NEWS FOR 4 DAYS.

Paris, Dec. 19.  
Grave anxiety is felt regarding the whereabouts of three French airmen, Lasalle, Rehart and Falot, who left Le Bourget Aerodrome, Paris, last week-end in an attempt to fly to Saigon, following Le Brix and Rossi.

There has been no news of the fliers since they left Tunis on December 15th (Monday) for Benghazi, and official enquiries in Libyan and Egyptian territory have proved fruitless. The plane has not been seen.

The British Government has been specially requested to search in the neighbourhood of Malta for the missing airmen in view of the possibility that they changed their plans and attempted to cross the Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, Le Brix and Rossi, who have been making splendid progress, have been forced down at Agira by a raging storm. The landing was effected safely without damage and if the bad weather permits, they will resume to-morrow.

They are on their way to Allahabad and they expect to reach Saigon during the week-end or early next week.—Reuter.

## FAILURE OF U.S. CORPORATION.

## IMPORTANT CONCERN HIT BY CRASH.

New York, Dec. 19.  
On a petition by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, the Federal Judge has appointed a receiver for the International Engineering Corporation, one of the leading power-generating equipment concerns in the world.

Before the crash, the Corporation's stock was sold at \$103; to-day it stands at \$6.

The Corporation is a holding company for nearly forty subsidiaries.

The failure has had a distinctly bearish effect of the market.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE TARIFF TRUCE CONFERENCE.

## INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND AFRICA NOT GOING.

Geneva, Dec. 19.  
The Governments of India, Australia and South Africa have expressed their inability to participate in the Tariff Truce Conference which is being held in accordance with the League of Nations Assembly resolution.

Mr. W. Graham, the President of the Board Trade, is to represent Britain.—Reuter.

## FURTHER TROUBLE IN BERLIN.

## UNEMPLOYED STORM THE TOWN HALL.

Berlin, Dec. 19.  
A number of unemployed attempted to storm the Town Hall, while the new City Council was holding its first meeting.

The demonstrators stormed the police, who charged and dispersed them. Several arrests were made. It is believed that many of the demonstrators were injured, but all were carried off by their comrades.—Reuter.

## LATEST MEXICAN SENSATION.

## GENERAL EXECUTED BY TROOPS.

New York, Dec. 19.  
A message from Nogales states that General Carlos Bouquet, the chief supporter of the defeated Presidential candidate, Jose Vasconcelos, has been executed by Federal troops.—Reuter's American Service.

## THE CAPE FLIGHT DISASTER.

## MACHINE OFF COURSE IN RAGING STORM.

## HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

## MATTER OF MINUTES.

London, Dec. 19.  
The Cape flight disaster and the death of the two gallant officers piloting the ill-fated Fairey monoplane, has caused a profound shock, particularly as it seems to have occurred through no fault of the machine or the pilots, but as the result of a fierce storm which broke at the most difficult stage of the long flight. In a few minutes, probably, the most hazardous stage of the flight would have been passed.

In the House of Commons, Mr. F. Montague, the Under-Secretary for Air, stated that he was not yet in a position to add materially to the information already published about the most regrettable disaster.

**Guard on Machine.**

The reports so far received from the British Consul-General at Tunis, merely stated that the machine crashed in the hills some thirty miles to the south of Tunis, the weather at the time being both cloudy and stormy.

Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins were both killed.

A military guard had been placed over the machine and the Consul-General left at dawn this morning for the scene of the accident with a view to obtaining the fullest possible information and bringing the bodies to the Military Hospital at Tunis.

The Air Ministry had already despatched a technical adviser to Tunis in order that the fullest expert inquiry practicable might be made on the spot.

Pending the receipt of the report by the technical adviser, no cause could be assigned for the accident.

Mr. Montague added, amid cheers, that the responsible French Authorities had given the greatest possible assistance.

**House's Sympathy.**

It was sure the whole House would join with him in deploring the loss of the lives of two gallant officers of such outstanding promise, and in conveying to their relatives an expression of the most profound sympathy of the House.

It is stated at the Air Ministry that while a representative of the Ministry has already left for Tunis to investigate the cause of the disaster, it is not likely that a formal service court of inquiry will be held in view of the special circumstances in which the disaster occurred.

In regard to the removal of the machine and engine, no decision can be taken until further details are received.

**Expert Opinion.**

Among air experts little doubt is felt that the disaster occurred some time before eight o'clock on Tuesday evening. This calculation is based on the fact that the airmen reported their position by wireless at four o'clock when they were sixty miles off Sardinia, and should have sent out another message four hours later.

They crashed before the four hours had elapsed but, meanwhile, had covered some 400 miles. Darkness would have fallen before eight o'clock and all the circumstances point to the machine getting off its course in the storm that was raging and crashing into the mountains without the pilots being able to see the high ground in front of them.

**King's Message.**

His Majesty the King has sent the following message to Lord Thomson, the Secretary for Air:—"It is with much regret that I have learned of the death of the two gallant officers, Squadron-Leader Jones Williams and Flight-Lieutenant Jenkins, who were piloting the ill-fated Fairey monoplane on Tuesday evening last. My thoughts are turned to the families of these brave men, and I am sure that the nation will join with me in expressing its profound sympathy to them. (Continued on Page 16.)"



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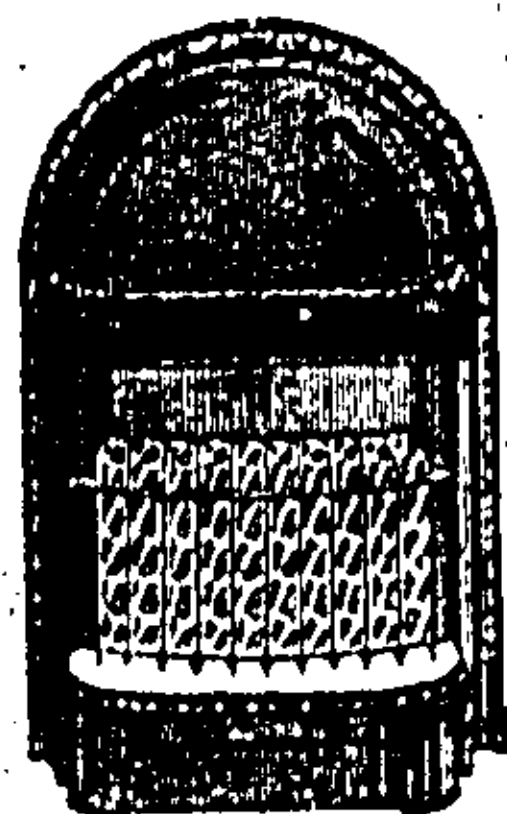
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HAICHING PIRACY HEROES.

GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER RECOGNITION.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The Colonial Secretary, at a meeting of the Legislative Council held yesterday afternoon, announced, in reply to a question by the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, that the Government would sympathetically consider suitable recognition for the Captain, Officers and Crew of the Haiching and a compassionate grant to the dependants of the third officer and guard as soon as the enquiry into the circumstances of the piracy had been completed.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), presided and others present were: His Excellency the General Officer Commanding The Troops (Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.). The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.). Hon. Mr. H. T. Crensy (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police). Hon. Commandr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Retired Harbour Master).

Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Director of Medical and Sanitary Services).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. Hon. Sir Shou-wan Chow. Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes. Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes. Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Hon. Mr. J. P. Bragg.

Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, C.B.E., LL.D. Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

No Rent Restriction.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked the following question:

In view of recent discussions, will the Government state whether its policy is:

- To impose rent restriction;
- To appoint a Fair Rents Board; or
- To increase the length of notice to quit on a monthly tenancy to a longer period than one month; or
- To leave the above matters to the action of economic laws and to the terms of the contracts entered into between the parties.

The Colonial Secretary replied:—(a), (b) and (c). The answer is in the negative. (d). The answer is in the affirmative.

The Haiching Piracy.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes asked: 1. Will the Government favourably consider suitable recognition being accorded to the Captain, Officers and Crew of the steamer Haiching?

2. Does the Government propose making a compassionate grant to the dependants of the 3rd Officer and Guard killed and to the Officers and Crew who were injured or have otherwise suffered at the hands of the pirates?

3. Will the Government contradict (or otherwise) the report in the Press that Military Guards on merchant vessels trading in these waters are shortly to be withdrawn?

4. If the report is correct, and in view of this latest piratical attack on the steamer Haiching, will the Government make strong representations to the Military or other Authorities to reconsider their decision?

The Colonial Secretary replied:—1 & 2. These matters will receive sympathetic consideration at the hands of the Government as soon as the enquiry into the circumstances of the piracy have been completed.

3. It is understood to be the policy of His Majesty's Government that the Guards should be withdrawn on the 1st of April next.

4. The Hongkong Government will give careful consideration to such representations on this point as may be made by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce or by British shipping firms.

Standing Rules and Orders.

The Attorney General moved the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council of Hongkong made by the Legislative Council on the 7th day of March, 1912, in pursuance of clause XIX of the Royal Instructions of the 19th day of January, 1888, and amended by the Legislative Council on the 29th day of January, 1920, be repealed, and that the Standing Orders, a draft of which was laid on the table of the Council on the 5th day of December, 1929, and a copy of which has been signed by the Clerk of Councils, be substituted therefor."

It has long been recognised that the present Standing Rules and Orders of this Council are defective in many respects and some years ago a revision of these Standing Rules and Orders was decided upon. The revision was begun, but before its completion the subject of the Standing Orders of Legislative Councils and Assemblies in the Crown Colonies generally was considered by the Colonial Office conference of 1927. It was decided then that a draft code should be prepared and circulated to the various colonies who could then adapt that code to their own special requirements. The code was prepared by a committee which included Sir Lonsdale Webster, the Clerk of the House of Commons and other officials of the House of Commons. The draft code was received here in the early part of this year and you appointed, Sir, a committee to consider the adaptation of that draft code to the special circumstances of this Colony. The committee consisted of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. Shenton and I. We considered the draft code, made various alterations which were considered by you, Sir, in Executive Council, and that resulting draft has been circulated to hon. members. One advantage of adopting the alterations, the draft code prepared by the Committee appointed as the result of the Colonial Office conference of 1927, is that a large degree of uniformity in the procedure of the Legislative Councils and Assemblies of the Crown Colonies generally was achieved. The draft code and our draft Standing Orders which are now on the table, contain also a very useful provision that in case of any doubt as to the application of the Standing Orders and in any case where the Standing Orders make no provision, the practice of the House of Commons will be followed. That again, of course, tends towards uniformity. It also gives a carefully worked out and easily ascertained body of practice by which we may be guided in doubtful cases. I may say, Sir, that the procedure proposed in connexion with these draft Standing Orders is as follows: When the resolution has been seconded, if no members wish to discuss the matter generally, I propose then to move that the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole Council to consider the Standing Orders clause by clause. In committee, if members wish to hear, I propose to explain and point out the points on which the new draft Standing Orders differ from our present Standing Rules and Orders. I also propose to move two amendments which are set out in a paper which has been placed on the table. I regret it was not found possible to circulate these amendments in time but they have been placed on the table and I may say that the other members of the Committee appointed to draft these Standing Orders, all approve of the amendments proposed. I beg, Sir, to move this resolution.

The Colonial Secretary seconded. Two minor amendments were approved in Committee and the resolution was subsequently put to the meeting and adopted.

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The Mosquito Press.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to amend the Printers and Publishers Ordinance, 1927." He said: The object of this Bill is to re-enact with certain variations a provision which was contained in the original Printers and Publishers Ordinance but which was not re-enacted when the present Ordinance was passed. The provision was one which for many years appeared to be unnecessary and that as the main reason why it was not included in the present Ordinance, in recent years a number of newspapers, which can hardly be dignified by the name newspaper, have made their appearance, papers of no standing making their way largely by means of unsavoury news and veiled blackmail. The provision to which I refer was one which required, before the publication of any newspaper, the provision of certain security, the money secured to be available to pay any fine imposed or damages awarded for any libel contained in the newspaper. The papers to which I have just referred which have not inaptly been

called the "mosquito press" are not really open to any legal action at present because at the first hint of trouble, the first mention of any proceedings, the paper disappears and no redress can be obtained. It is considered that if security is required before the publication of any newspaper, that undesirable newspapers of this kind will be prevented from ever appearing. At the same time it is thought that this provision will place no real burden upon reputable journalism. The difference between the original requirements of the old Ordinance and the requirements of this Ordinance, are, first of all, the amount of security is increased from \$1,200 to \$3,000. \$1,200 seemed obviously too small for a sum which was intended to be available for the purpose of meeting damages and costs in a libel action. It is also rather small even for the purpose of the payment of the fine and the amount is therefore being increased to \$3,000. Secondly, under the old Ordinance the requirement was one simply of a bond. Under this Ordinance, a cash deposit will be required unless the Registrar in his discretion is

prepared to accept a bond or other security. Instead, Thirdly, the security under the present Ordinance will be available not only to pay the damages and costs of any libel action and a fine in any proceedings for criminal libel, but also to pay any fine imposed on the publishers, proprietors, printers, and editors of newspapers either under the Printers and Publishers Ordinance or in respect of any matter appearing in the newspaper. I beg to move the first reading. The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock moved the first reading of a Bill intituled "An Ordinance to incorporate a Body of Trustees capable of holding property for the purposes of the Church of England and to provide for the performance of divine worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and, for certain objects ancillary to the aforesaid objects." He said: In the year 1927 the principle of the abolition of pew rents in the Cathedral was approved. As under the constitution

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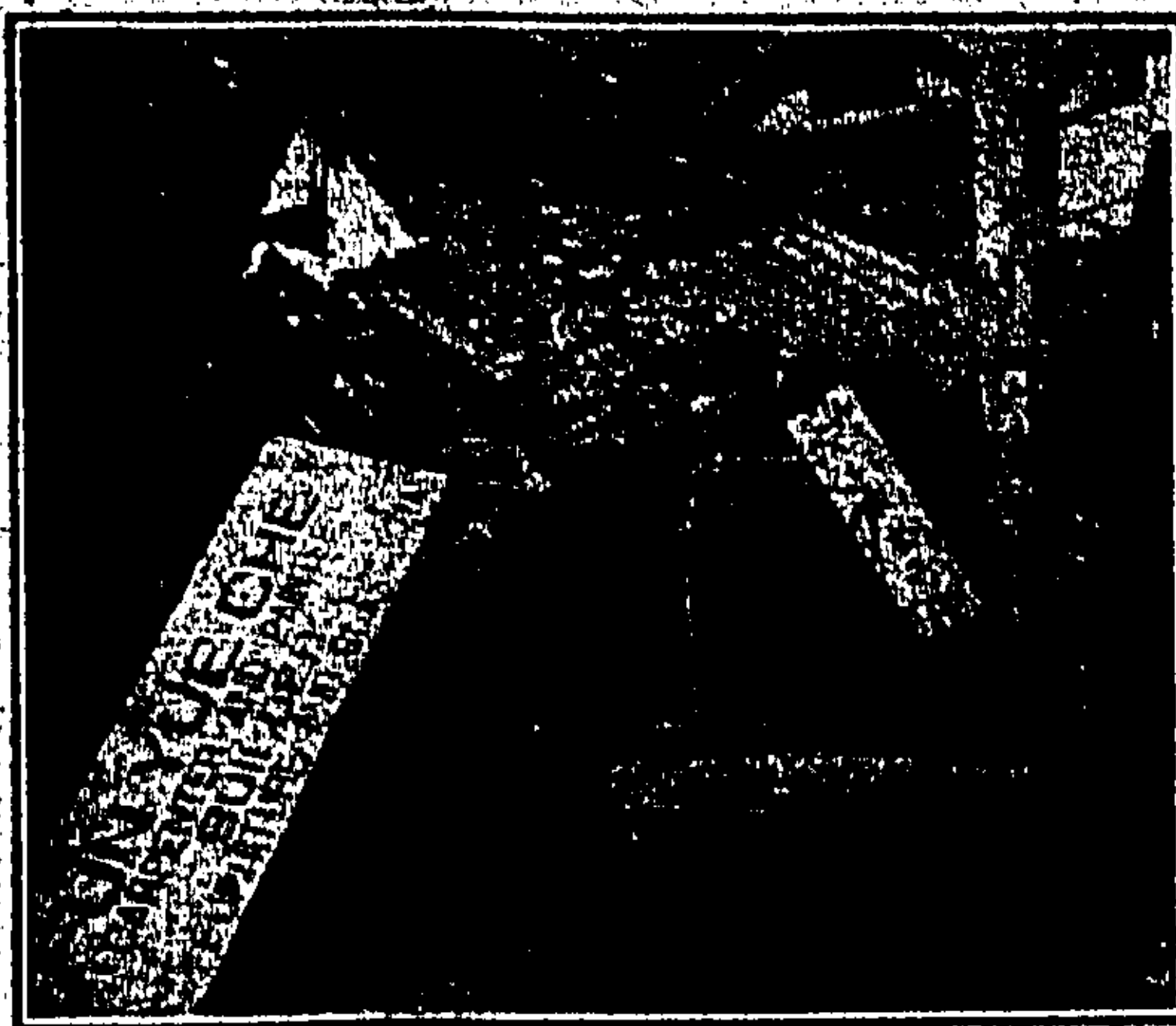
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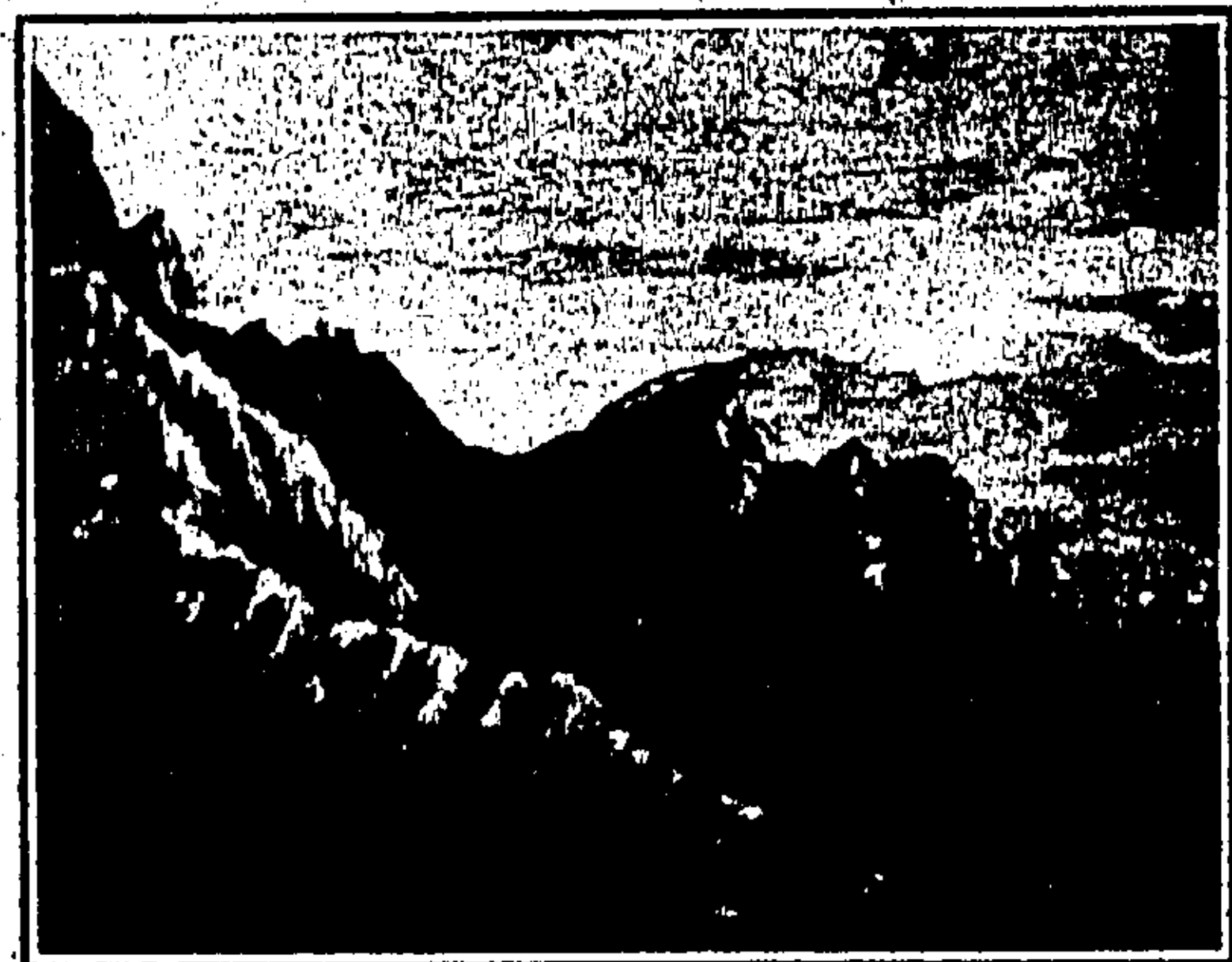




An interesting view of the Shanghai foreshore and the Whangpoo from a "skyscraper."



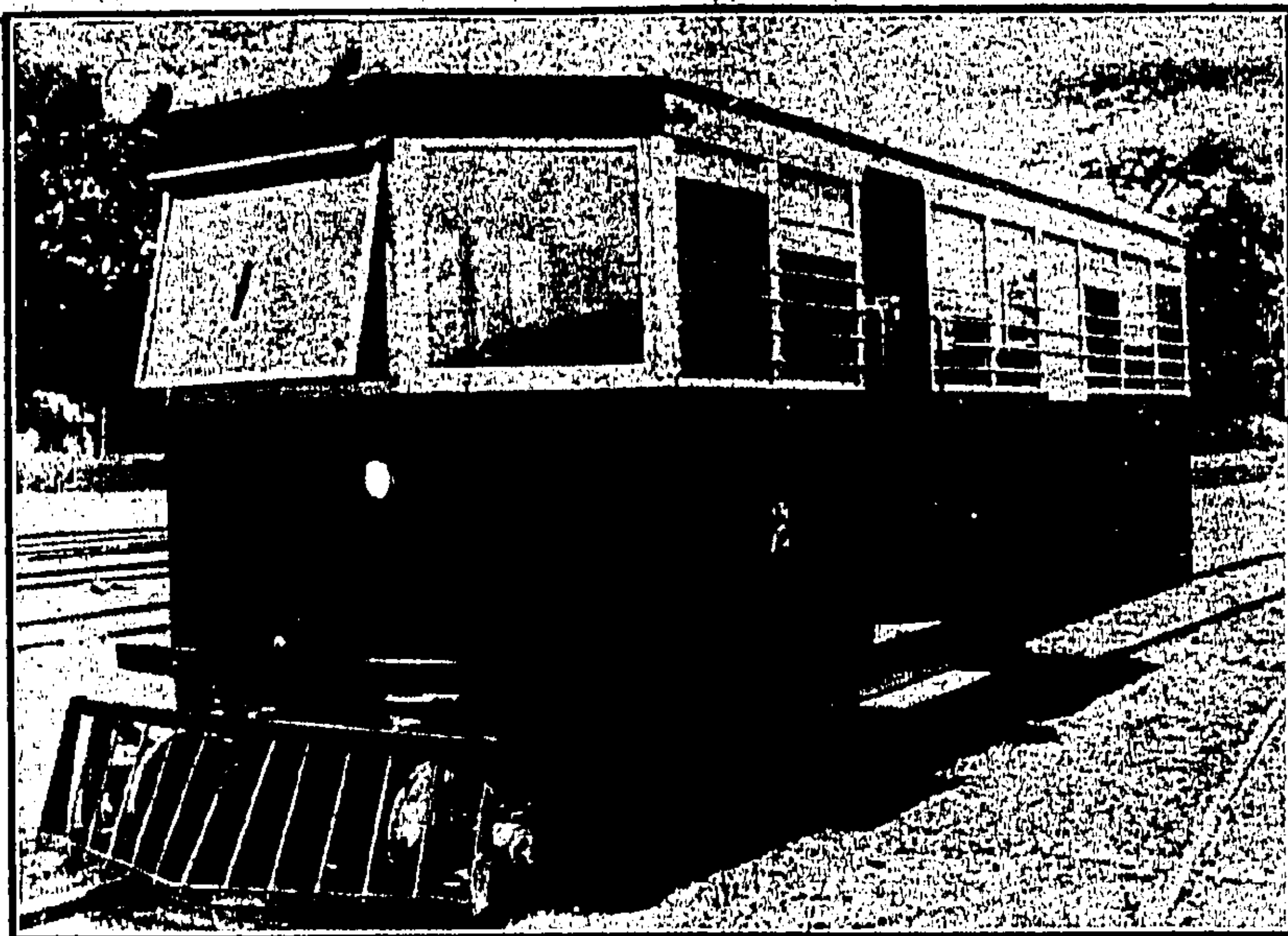
The sudden invasion of a carpenter's shop at the corner of Hart and Sinsu Roads in Shanghai recently by a motor lorry, brought down the roof, but no one was hurt.



This striking study of the Nan Kang Pass was one of the exhibits at the recent exhibition of the Shanghai Art Club. The artist was Miss A. Haberer.



The evacuation of German soil by British troops is illustrated above. At the top, General Sir William Thwaites, the commander in chief of the British Army of Occupation, is seen bidding goodbye to a British regiment. Bottom picture shows soldiers and their families leaving the Rhineland territory.



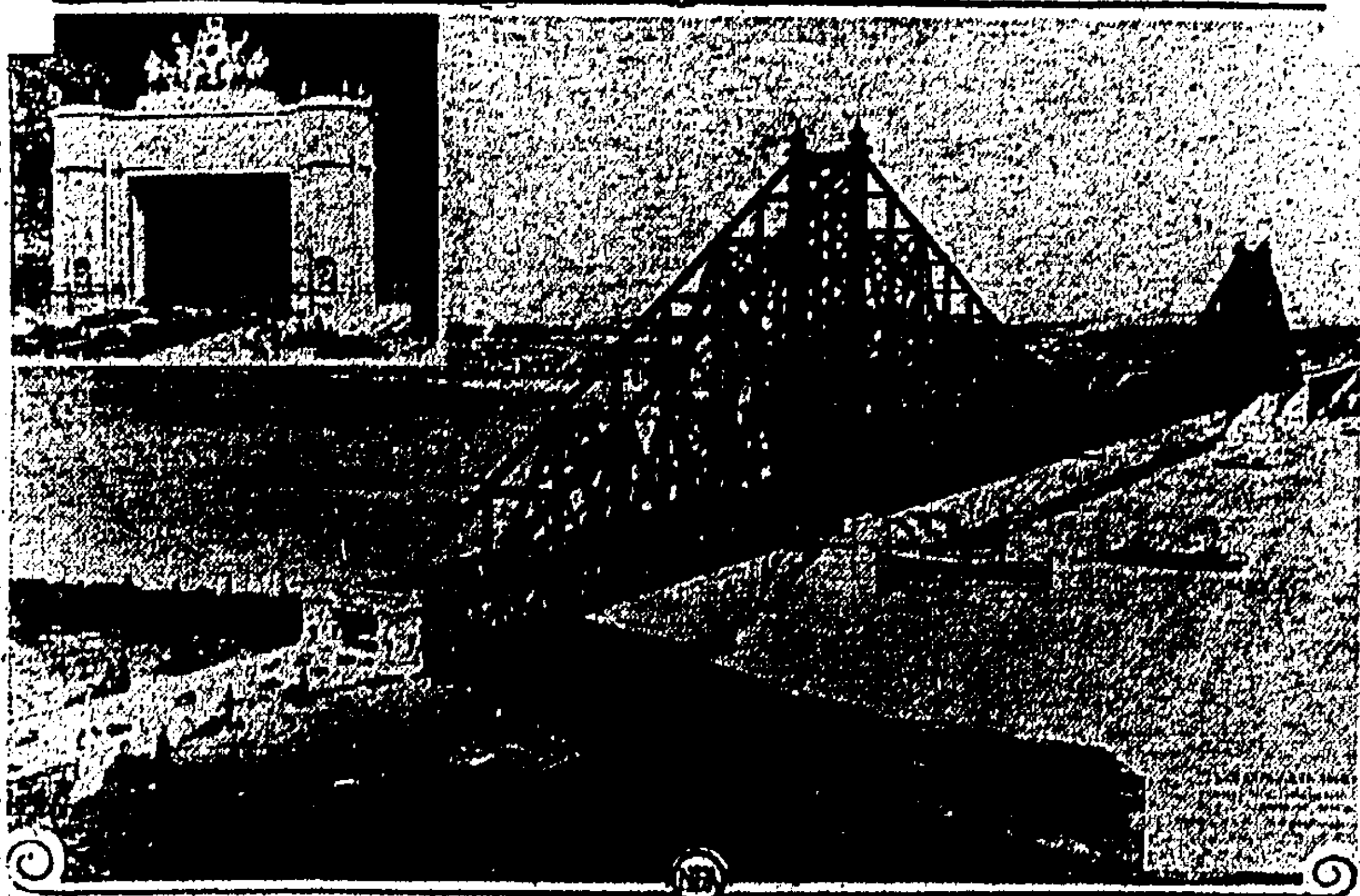
An illustration of the "Pony Truck" with flanged wheels for use as a light railway motor car running upon rails, and mounted upon motor-car chassis. There is a growing demand for this class of vehicle.



At the annual re-union of American cyclists, former champions turned out on their old vehicles shown above. One of them was dubbed Mile-a-Minute Murphy after riding a mile in 57 seconds, but we imagine this was done after the penny-farthing had been superseded.



In a recent flight from Elgin, Scotland, to London, the Prime Minister's machine made two forced descents owing to severe storms. Above he is seen landing in London on completion of the flight, undeterred by the hazards encountered on the way.



The greatest single-span bridge in history, one of 4,000 feet, is proposed for the bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco. The cost is estimated at \$430,000,000. Its construction is said to be definitely assured, though before permission was given, Washington demanded an assurance that it could easily be demolished in case of war. Inset shows one of the proposed entrances.

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## QUARRY BAY SCHOOL.

## CHILDREN GIVE DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

A Christmas concert given by the students of the Quarry Bay School yesterday comprised a really delightful programme, and Mr. E. Ralphs, the Director of Education, summed it up best when he said, "This entertainment is quite unique, and I have certainly never seen anything like it before." Then in a humorous vein he went on to say that he had a feeling that before long Quarry Bay would be running its own Philharmonic Society, and that people would be coming over to Quarry Bay for entertainments.

The entertainment was not only a triumph for the children, but it spoke volumes for the patient training of Miss Cotton and her staff, who were instrumental in bringing the performance of their pupils to such a high standard of excellence.

The programme opened with five carols, the first being "Here we come a Wassailing," when the children walked into the school gymnasium carrying lighted lanterns and singing this quaint old Christmas song; succeeded by "Christians Awake," "Kind Christmas," "How Far is it to Bethlehem," and "Shepherds have left their Sheep." The singing was beautifully pure in tone and a real pleasure to listen to.

Then followed a dance of Golly-wogs and Dutch Dolls, and this was exceedingly well done. Four little maids daintily attired in Dutch costume tripped out and were followed by a quartette of boys, gorgeously arrayed in golly-wog clothes and masks, and they frolicked about to the unrestrained delight of the audience.

The Kindergarten Band was also a great success, being composed of toy drums, triangles, tambourines and toy cymbals.

The two succeeding items were a character song, "The House that Jack Built," and the Holly and Mistletoe dance, which was accomplished with outstanding grace and charm by four little girls.

The musical part of the programme concluded with three more carols, "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks," "The First Nowell," and "O, Come All Ye Faithful," the parents and visitors joining in, and the dancing of "Sir Roger" by the children and parents brought a happy afternoon to a close.

## Presentation of Prizes.

Midway through the programme, Mr. E. Ralphs presented the prizes, a full list of which is given below.

During the afternoon the visitors inspected the handiwork of the children, and expressed unanimous delight with the exhibits, which included some very clever and artistic raffia work, hand-painted calendars and Christmas cards, hand-knitted woollen baby socks, handkerchief sachets, etc., all of which were for presents from the children to their parents.

The prize list follows: Class 7, 1st in examination, Neville Booker; Homework, Jean Summers; Progress, Pooee Johnson.

Class 8, 1st in Homework, Maureen Booker; Progress, Rodderick McLeod.

Class 9, 1st Thomas Tuft; Homework, Betty McIntyre; Progress, Ivy Mitchell.

Class 10, A special progress prize was given to Joan Goodheart and a small prize to each of the following: Phloxton Stalker, Dorothy Young, Jean Wallace, Primrose Wilson, Malcolm Swan, Margaret Davidson, Aileen Thirwell, William McWalter, Sheila Collinson, Geoffrey Baker.

A Class prize, given each term for punctuality and for not forgetting handkerchiefs, was won by classes 7 and 8.

Royal Drawing Certificates: Division 1, Honours, Jean Summers, Maureen Booker, Beryl June Booker.

Division 2, (Second class), Veronica Thirwell, Georgina Cunningham, Rodderick McLeod.

Preparatory Division, Honours, Maureen Booker, Beryl June Booker, G. Rodderick McLeod.

Preparatory Division, (Second class), Jean Summers, Neville Booker, Christine Bone, Martha Fraser, Georgina Cunningham, Veronica Thirwell, Eileen Miller, Ronald Gascoigne and Dorothy Young.

Scholarship to be held at Central British School for one year, Neville Booker.

## AUCTION SALE.

LOW PRICE PAID FOR LAND AT HOMUNTIN.

A piece of land with an area of 11,700 square feet situated at Homuntin and known as Section R of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1,507, was sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon for \$2,800 to Mr. Wan Yee, of No. 258, Des Voeux Road Central.

With the upset price at \$2,000, bidding was slow, the minimum bid being \$100.

## RECENT ROBBERY.

## TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR BAZAAR AFFAIR.

Found guilty of committing a robbery at No. 60 Jardine's Bazaar, at 8.30 a.m., on November 8, Ip To, alias Ip To-tak, was yesterday sentenced to two years' hard labour by the Police Judge, and Lo Jeuk, found guilty of aiding and abetting, was ordered one year's imprisonment. In the case of the latter prisoner the jury recommended leniency, which His Lordship told the prisoner he had taken into account in delivering judgment.

Each of the accused denied complicity in the affair in a statement from the dock. Ip To said that he had nothing, whatever to do with the robbery, and had been persuaded to join in because the others told him he was afraid. He was approached by the robbers and asked if he would like to make some money and whether he had the courage to do so. He asked what kind of courage was required, and was told it was courage that would take him up to the first floor of a house to commit a robbery. At first he refused to consider the proposition, but later the others told him that he would not have to go up the stairs at all, as he was merely expected to keep guard at the foot of the stairs.

Accused reiterated that he had stolen nothing and had merely run away in fright when he heard the police whistle blown.

## Blamed Informer.

The defence of the second accused was based on a fierce verbal attack on Pun Ha. The latter, he said, had a grudge against him and also wanted him to be found guilty of the crime. He alleged that the informer had come to him and asked him to take part in the robbery, but he had refused to have anything to do with it. Later when he was arrested the police had visited him and told him that if he would give evidence against Pun Ha he would be released. He refused to give evidence against the man and was told that if he would not do so, the police would get Pun Ha to give evidence against him. He further alleged that he had been beaten by the police while under examination in connexion with the robbery.

The prisoner told His Lordship that Inspector Murphy had also beaten him severely in order to persuade him to talk.

## Police Exonerated.

Summing up, His Lordship said that the jury had to find whether the first accused had been guilty of robbery and his companion of complicity, in that he had unbolted a door by means of which the robbers gained access to the house. If the evidence convinced them that this was the case, then they must find them guilty, but if there was any doubt in their minds, the prisoners must get the benefit of it.

With regard to the allegations against the police officers, including Sub-Inspector Murphy, the jury would consider that when these allegations were made the Sub-Inspector had gone into the box and had invited the jurors to question him regarding these statements.

After a brief retirement, the jury found both accused guilty. The foreman announced that the jurors were unanimous in recommending mercy for the second accused.

His Lordship then passed sentence as announced above.

## OCEAN BED CRACKED.

## DIFFICULT CABLE REPAIRS IN THE ATLANTIC.

Halifax, Dec. 19.

The eight cable repair steamers operating in the Atlantic have not yet succeeded in repairing the three undersized cables which were broken during the earthquake shock of November 18. The ships have now put in here for refuelling, and report that grappling operations indicate that there has been a tremendous upheaval and cracking of the ocean bed off Newfoundland. There has been no radical change in the depth of the sea bed, however.

The difficulties being encountered are mainly due to the changed nature of the seabed and the deposits of clay on the grappling irons instead of the usual soft ooze.

The area affected extends approximately 300 miles north and south and 100 miles east and west.

The loss to the cable companies before repairs are effected will amount to several hundred thousand dollars.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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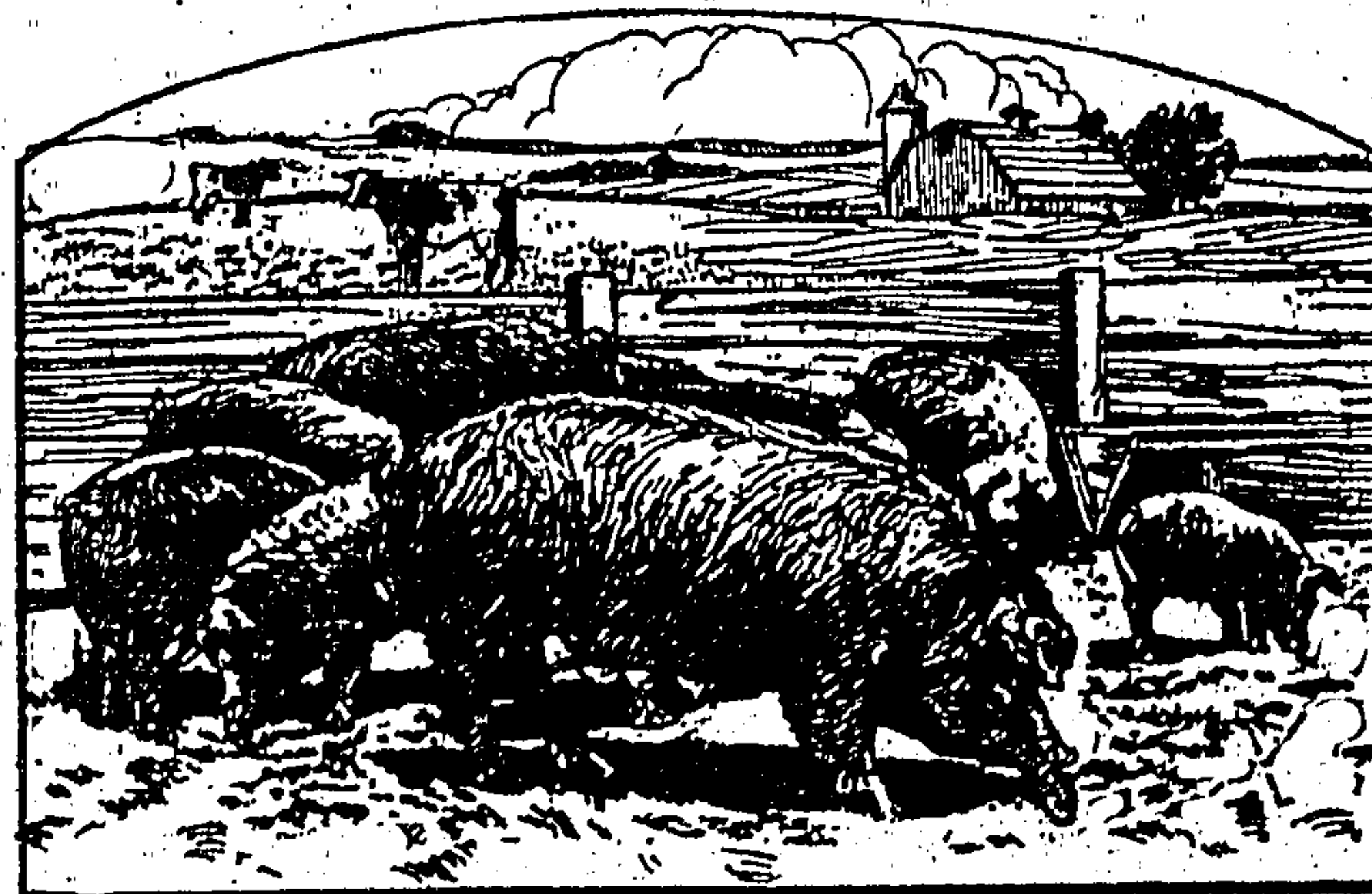
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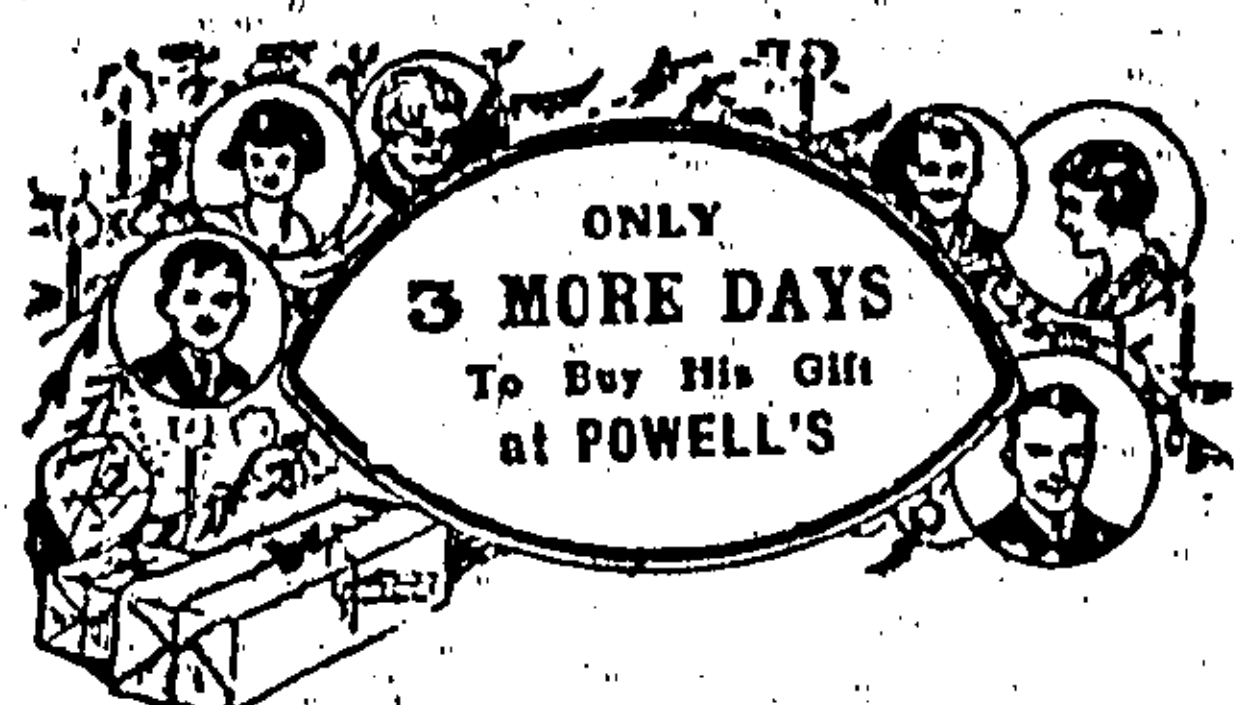
## THE FASCIST PARTY.

ALL LUKEWARM MEMBERS ASKED TO RESIGN.

Rome, Dec. 19. The Fascist Grand Council has

approved the constitution of the Fascist party, and passed a resolution inviting all who are unable wholly or unreservedly to conform to the strict discipline of the party to resign within a week.—*Reuter.*





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### LOSS OF BRITISH LINER.

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New York, Dec. 19.

Women and children first, was the order given quietly and implicitly obeyed aboard the Fort Victoria, after the sharp bows of the Algonquin had deeply gashed her port side and it became evident that all aboard must leave as quickly as possible if great loss of life was to be prevented.

This morning's papers tribute the coolness of Captain Francis and the discipline of the crew of the Fort Victoria, in an accident which might easily have had consequences comparable to those following the sinking of the British steamer Vostok a year ago.

The collision occurred when the Fort Victoria had slowed up to drop her harbour pilot. The Algonquin, following behind, did not have to do this as she is a coastal ship. When the Algonquin loomed out of the dense fog, it was too late to avoid a crash.

The Fort Victoria's S. O. S. signals brought many rescue craft to which her passengers were transferred. Captain Francis and a dozen men remained aboard, vainly hoping to have the crippled ship towed to a pier, until the water was knee-deep on deck, when they jumped overboard and swam to a nearby tug. Captain Francis was the last to leave the ship.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The Fort Victoria was built by Messrs. W. Beardmore and Co., Glasgow, in 1913, for the Bermuda and West Indies S.S. Company. Her dimensions were:—Length, 411.7 feet; breadth, 56.7 feet; depth, 34.1 feet.]

The Algonquin, of 5,946 tons, was built in 1926 at Newport News for the Cherokee and Seminole S.S. Co., for which the Clyde S.S. Company are managers. She is 387.5 feet long, 55 feet in breadth and has a depth of 20 feet.]

### BRAZILIAN POLICY.

A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S PROGRAMME OUTLINED.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 19.

Senhor Julio Prestes, a candidate for the Presidency of the Republic election next March, in a speech outlining his policy said that monetary reform would be completed by making notes convertible into gold.

The Bank of Brazil would be transformed into a central bank empowered to issue convertible currency, and a complete national banking system would be organised.

He would endeavour to stimulate production, especially of cotton, wheat, rubber, cocoa and timber, and organise the metal industry.

Everything would be done to uphold the coffee industry without rushing to extremes with regard to keeping up values or incurring the risks of official intervention, which was nearly always disastrous.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### AUSTRALIAN MINERS.

THE ARBITRATION COURT'S RULING ISSUED.

Sydney, Dec. 19.

In the Federal Arbitration Court, Judge Beeby ordered work to be resumed on December 20 in the mines in the Newcastle area, on pre-stopping wage rates. The award will operate only until December 31, without prejudice to the parties in connexion with a full hearing of the dispute on January 22.

The Judge joined the State Government as party to the dispute. The State Government has decided to apply to the High Court for an injunction to restrain the Federal Arbitration Court from exercising its jurisdiction over the State Government.—*Reuter.*

### "BIG BILL'S" CAMPAIGN

FORMER SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WINS SUIT.

Chicago, Dec. 19.

Mr. William McAndrews, who was dismissed from the superintendency of the public schools of Chicago at the height of Mayor Thompson's campaign to "free American schools from the influence of the English King George," has won a suit against the city administration, the Judge ruling that he was not guilty of insubordination for which he was ostensibly dismissed.

Mr. McAndrews has decided to waive the right to sue the city for arrears of salary, being satisfied with vindicating himself.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### SOVIET BAD FAITH?

PRO-RUSSIAN MONGOLIANS OCCUPY HAILAR.

Nanking, Dec. 19.

It is officially explained that the Chinese authorities could not guarantee the safety of the International train beyond Mientuho, due to the fact that severe fighting had occurred between the anti-Russian and pro-Russian Mongolians in the vicinity of Hailar, resulting in the occupation of that city by the latter, who were incited thereto by the Soviet, despite the opening of the preliminary Sino-Russian negotiations.—*Reuter.*

Agreement Reported.

Peking, Dec. 19.

A message from Harbin states that it is reported Tsai Yun-sheng and M. Smanovsky at Harbinovsk have reached an agreement, the following being the principal terms:

First, a formal conference must be called within a month, in accordance with the terms of the 1924 Moscow-Mukden agreement, the conference to complete its work within six months.

Second, the status quo ante must be restored, after which the railway must be operated as a joint commercial enterprise.

Third, neither party may take any action inimical to the other.

Fourth, prisoners on both sides are to be unconditionally released.

Fifth, Mukden agrees to abstain from oppression of Soviet citizens and institutions.

Sixth, consulates and trade commissions are to be re-established on both sides.

Seventh, a joint commission shall be appointed to assess the damages suffered by both sides during the dispute.—*Reuter.*

### WORLD PEACE.

VIEWS OF PREMIER AND MR. SNOWDEN.

London, Dec. 19.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald and Mr. Philip Snowden were granted the freedom of the City of London at the Guildhall in a traditional ceremony. Most of the Cabinet Ministers were present.

Mr. MacDonald, in reply, said he hoped and prayed that his visit to the United States would result in establishing enduring peace in the world. Nothing was more necessary than Anglo-American co-operation for the advance of righteousness in the world.

Mr. Snowden, referring to the Hague, said that good international relations would never be secured except on the foundations of justice. The Hague conference had resulted in a truer appreciation of Britain's position and a willingness to recognise Britain's just claims, and the conference parted the best of friends.—*Reuter.*

### NANKING SNOWSTORM.

MUCH DAMAGE CAUSED BY HEAVY FALL.

Nanking, Dec. 19.

The worst snowstorm for years has swept Nanking. Drifts several feet deep are blocking street traffic, and many houses have collapsed, the telegraph, telephone and light systems also suffering serious damage.—*Reuter.*

Peking Suffers.

Peking, Dec. 19.

Sudden low temperatures, accompanied by snow and piercing winds since Sunday, have resulted in many deaths here, no fewer than twenty-one people, frozen to death, being found by the police this week.—*Reuter.*



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## CHRISTMAS PARTY.

### ENJOYABLE FUNCTION AT KOWLOON SCHOOL.

On the invitation of the Headmaster (Mr. G. F. Nightingale), pupils of the Central British School, Kowloon, held their annual Christmas party last evening. There were present many parents, together with the Pass Class from the Kowloon Junior School. The hall, which was effectively decorated, was absolutely crowded, and the event was a very jolly affair, much enjoyed by all present.

Dancing was indulged in by the pupils, who were all in fancy dress, the band of the Somerset Light Infantry kindly providing the music. Following a parade, Mrs. R. T. Barrett judged the costumes, and the winners were as follows:

For the best and prettiest girls' costume, Miss Azalia Renolds.

For the most original girls' costume, Miss Mary Taylor.

For the best boys' costume, F. McNeill.

For the most original boys' costume, R. Egan. Subsequently, three extremely well-acted plays were presented by the pupils, these being Galsworthy's "The Little Man" (in which D. Hynes scored a big success as the talkative American), "Followers" (in which Susan Bander was especially good), and Lord Dunsany's "A Night at an Inn" (with R. Woolley very clever in the role of The Thief). Those taking part in the plays were:

"The Little Man"—B. Bickford, Y. Langley, R. Woolley, A. Hynes, I. Woolley, D. Hynes, N. Whitley, A. Dinneen, J. Smith and I. Stirling. "Followers"—B. Budden, H. Wylie, I. Stirling and S. Bander. "A Night at an Inn"—R. Woolley, J. Smith, B. Bickford, D. Hynes, A. Dinneen, I. Stirling, N. Whitley and A. Miller.

At the conclusion of the evening, Mrs. B. Wylie presented the prizes won in the fancy costume competition, and the Headmaster expressed his thanks of all present to Mr. Howell for acting as M.C. and to Mrs. Brown for so admirably producing the play. In this latter connection, a word of praise is due, adding the staff settings, as all the carpentry, scene painting and decorations were the work of the pupils.

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That it has been possible to effect this, is in the main due to the latest improvements made in all gas appliances, which are indeed remarkable. Scientific principles have been embodied which make modern gas apparatus much more efficient and at the same time more economical in consumption.

For proof of this one has only to pay a visit to the Company's showroom in Lee House Street, where they can see the new wonderful production, known as the "Sunbeam" Gas Fire, which is able to convert the most cheerless room, into one of warmth and brightness.

Whilst there, the visitor would be well advised to cast an eye over the magnificent display of modern gas cookers, geysers and sundry types of gas fire, whilst they will find the array of all-enameled gas-cookers such as will meet all the modern requirements of cooking.

# WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

## The Latest in Tweed Coats.



The very newest overcoat is exceedingly smart with its moderately loose cut, wide sleeves and fur collar. The model sketched in soft heather tweed, is drawn in at the normal waist by a self belt.

## House-happiness.

### MAKING THE MOST OF COLOUR.

No doubt you have enjoyed a festive dinner or supper in a room vividly orange and blue and scarlet. But could you imagine breakfast in the same surroundings? Those orange walls, so stimulating under the soft glow of lights, seem cheaply garish; that blue, cold and forbidding; the scarlet completes a hideous cacophony. Yet there are people who splash bright colours on walls and carpets and hangings, forgetting that they are to see them at every hour and in every mood.

Colour affects us subtly but unmistakably. On a cold day plush curtains and a Turkey carpet make us feel warm; Nile green muslin curtains and blue walls make us shiver. In studious mood, brown seems sympathetic, but if we would dance, the daffodil or rose-and-silver room best encourages our light-heartedness.

How, then, are we to combine in one room all the colour-qualities essential to "house-happiness"? First, do not have all tones of the same value. Have some dark, others light, and a few medium. Secondly, use bright colour sparingly; and, thirdly, remember that every colour used has its effect on the others. Suppose you choose a grey background and blue hangings. The result is restful, but rather cold. Add a spot of orange and a touch of black to stimulate and warm the whole, and you have a perfectly balanced scheme.

Rose, on the other hand, can be too feminine for general use, but counteract it with a dash of vivid jade or clear blue in cushion or ornament and the insipidity is gone. Cream is always successful with dark panelling, but use warmly patterned hangings or vivid pictures lest the result be too funeral for beauty.

Never keep strictly to two colours. Introduce a touch of

## Nearly A Bustle.

### MODELS COPIED FROM THE EIGHTIES.

Long sheath dresses, fitting closely to the figure, and falling nearly to the feet, are the main features of many of the dress shows this season. Most of these are for evening, but there are a number with this silhouette for the afternoon as well.

Skirts with gathers and pleats are very ample in the sports and the more informal models, and the length is well below the knee.

Pleats and flares are used together on some skirts, and most of the coats are just a few inches shorter than the frocks.

It is quite obvious that the 'eighties have inspired a great many of the models. But of this there is only an impression, shown mainly by the use of frills which are placed on the hem of aprons, and mount behind with a suggestion of fullness.

An evening dress seen, with a low decollete and five rows of frilling, which surrounded the skirt, and were carried up behind in such a fashion that they projected quite aggressively above a long trailing piece of drapery—surely that is the nearest thing to a bustle that Paris will ever achieve!

## Novel Sleeves.

The sleeves on afternoon frocks are often tight to the wrist, but with loose floating draperies attached to the elbow or the shoulder. The embroidered sleeve is coming into its own again. Sometimes the frock is entirely of plain material, while the sleeves, which, in this instance, are loose and baggy, are handsomely embroidered.

subtle contrast, or better still, of black. Whether it be rug, or cushion, or vase in the lounge, or elderdown in the bedrooms you will find that it has the knack of drawing together the most conglomerate scheme or toning up an uninteresting one as nothing else could.

## Wearing Ornaments.

[By a Jeweller.]

Don't wear long ear-rings if you have a long oval face.

Don't wear any but long, dangling earrings if your face is short and broad.

Don't choose a choker necklace of big round beads unless you have delicate features. That kind of necklace tends to coarsen the features.

Don't wear many rings unless your hands are both well shaped and well kept.

Don't wear real and imitation jewellery at the same time.

Don't wear long strings of beads with a dance frock. They are certain to catch on something and break; and fancy beads are almost impossible to match.

Don't always affect turquoise ornaments just because they match your eyes.

And—Do remember that jewellery should be chosen for its beauty as well as for its value.

## Rainy Day Fashion.

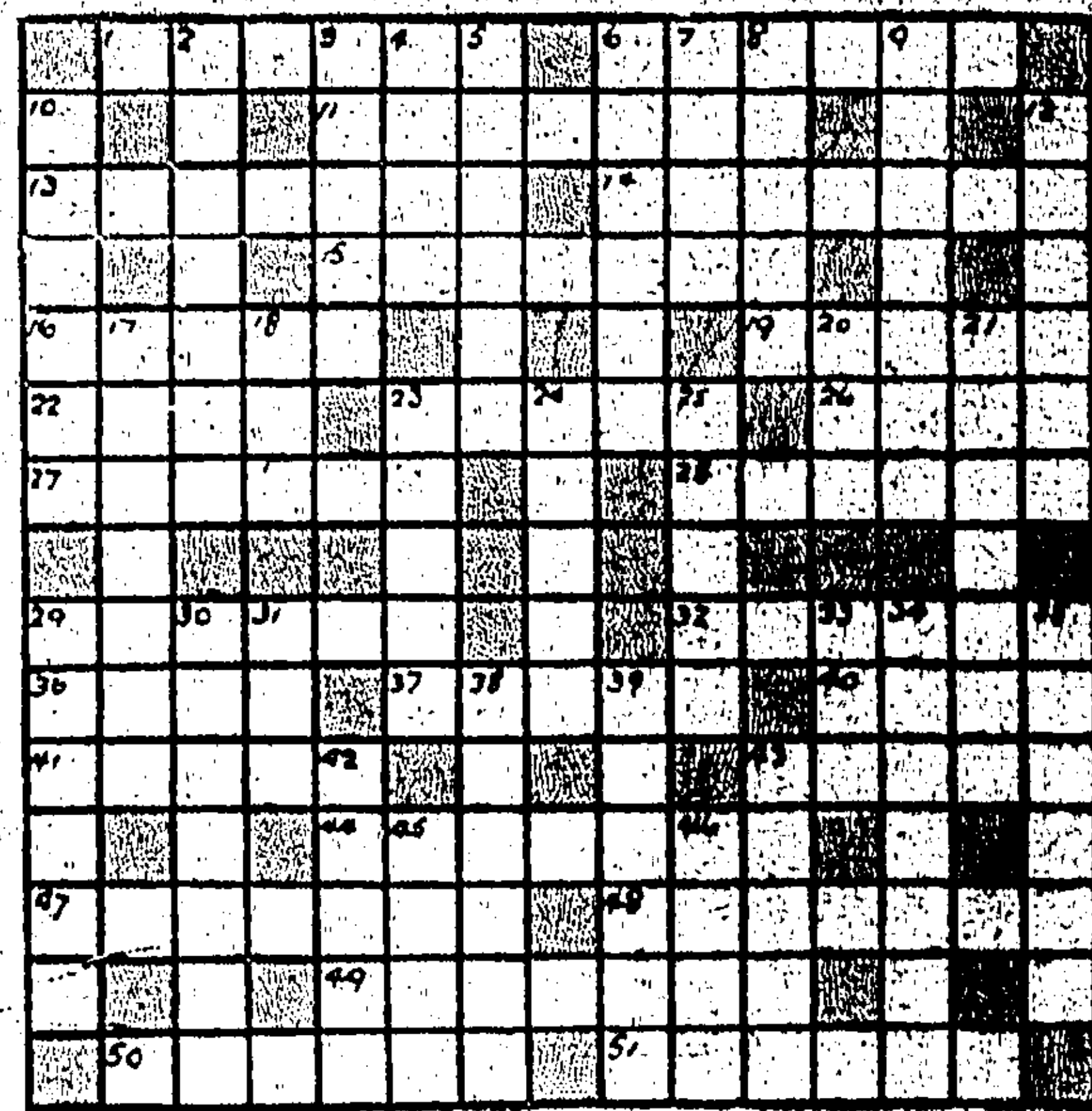


That "dressmaker touch" that all smart costumes crave now has reached coats that are worn when the skies are dark.

Jenny, with that infallible touch of youth she transmits to all her things, has fashioned the raincoat pictured above that uses all the leaves' colouring in its plaid. It is crepe de chine, in beige, with red brown, green and gold stripes.

It is cut with raglan sleeves that shape into a slender wristline, with a panel of box pleats down the front that flare from the hipline to give the coat width at the lower edge. The collar is like a man's shirt collar and can be worn with the points standing up or turned down.

## OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



### Across

- 1 Bodies of men.
- 6 Draw away.
- 11 Scottish magistrate.
- 13 Medical treatment centres.
- 14 Clement.
- 15 Circuitous ways.
- 16 Combine.
- 19 Extract.
- 22 Melody.
- 23 Perennial plants.
- 26 Silmy fish.
- 27 Swift.
- 28 Official enumeration.
- 29 Jot.
- 32 Incloses.
- 36 Uncommon.
- 37 Garment.
- 40 Sunken space before a window.
- 41 Otherwise.
- 43 Open.
- 44 Public vehicles.
- 47 Hanging bed.
- 48 Imitation rose.
- 49 Go before.
- 50 Forced up.
- 51 Prevents.

### Down

- 2 Valuable medicine.
- 3 Dwell.
- 4 River fish.
- 5 Correlative to brother.
- 6 Entice.
- 7 Funeral carriage.
- 8 Compact.
- 9 Orders for money.
- 10 Watches closely.

### 12 Emphasis.

- 17 Pertaining to marriage.
- 18 Starting point in golf.
- 20 Lair.
- 21 Bunch.
- 22 Worked with a typewriter.
- 23 Banish.
- 25 Sawdust.
- 26 Useless.
- 30 One who trims.
- 31 Daily meal.
- 32 Subvert.
- 34 Builder.
- 35 Glossy fabric.
- 38 Ranged.
- 39 Propped.
- 42 Stores.
- 43 Available for debt repayment.
- 45 Definite quantity of land.
- 46 Fashion.

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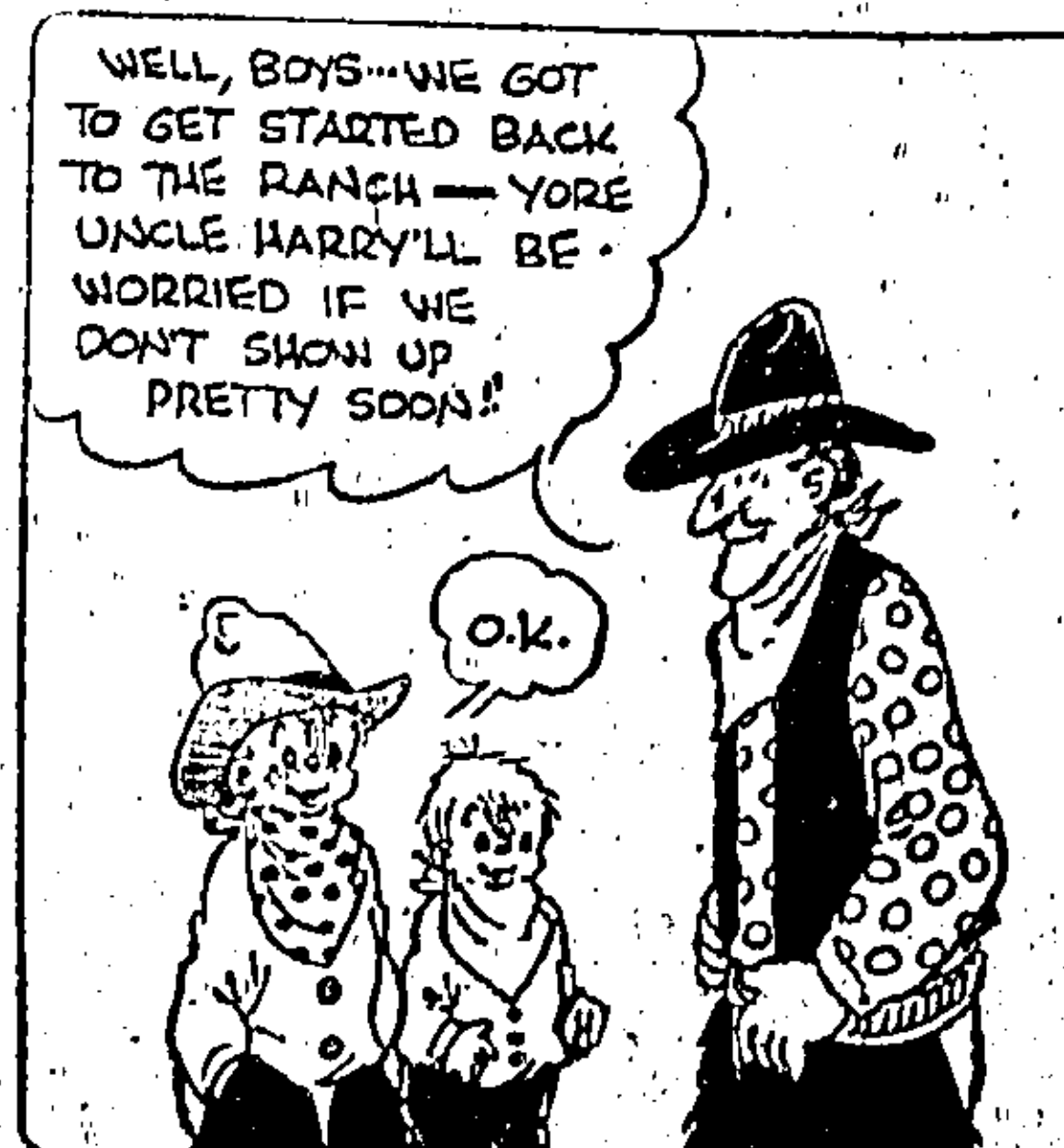
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY DEC. 20, 1929.

### CANTON'S TRIUMPH.

Thanks to the continued success of the Nationalist forces, the threat to established authority in Canton may now be regarded as having been overcome. Both the Ironsides and the Kwangsi rebels have been overwhelmingly defeated, and the extent of the latter's reverse may be gathered from the fact that they have been driven to evacuate Wuchow city. In the operations, the Cantonese forces have been materially aided by the new fighting arm represented by the Air Force, the machines of which have been able to play havoc amongst the invaders, keeping them on the run and driving them farther and farther away from their objective. It would seem, indeed, that aviation is destined to play an increasingly important part in the dispersal of rebellious units whenever fresh troubles occur in China.

When the threat to Canton's security was most pronounced, Hongkong watched the course of events with a concern little less marked than that of Canton itself, for, so closely are the fortunes of the two centres interwoven, that a crisis in Canton was bound to have undesirable repercussions here. We can, therefore, join heartily with the authorities of the neighbouring province in gratification at the defeat of those who sought to overthrow the existing administration. This Colony has every reason to hope for the consolidation of Canton's authority and for the failure of all enterprises aiming at a change of Government. The present administration has given evidence not only of its ability and of its desire to serve the cause of progress, but, what is more, it has worked on a basis of real friendship with foreign interests. It may be true that it has not accomplished all that could be wished, but we have to bear in mind the tremendous difficulties with which it has been faced by reason of threats from without and the dangers of intrigue from within. The overthrow of the Government by the Ironsides and the Kwangsi Clique would have been a disaster of the first magnitude, the effects of which would have been felt throughout the length and breadth of the country. Above all, the seizure of power in Canton by

Chang Fat-kwei would have meant interminable trouble, with the worst possible effects in this Colony.

Coincident with the defeat of the rebels in the South is the strengthening of the power and authority of the Central Government by the successful resistance offered to the Kuomintang plotters. The combined effect has undoubtedly been to raise the prestige of the Nationalists both at home and abroad. We can only hope that these happy developments will serve to convince rebellious wailards of the futility of fighting against established authority, and that, at long last, some real effort will be made whereby all may unite in serving the best interests of their country. The Central Government, as well as the provincial authorities, can count on the sympathy of foreigners as well as of their own people in their efforts to build up the authority and strengthen the power of the Executive. Peace, stability, and security are China's greatest needs to-day; all that conduces thereto must be welcomed and encouraged.

### Soviet Pledges.

Mr. Arthur Henderson's retort, courteous to the Conservative motion expressing disapproval of the Government's handling of the negotiations with the Soviet, gives cause for satisfaction. When M. Sokolnikoff presents his credentials to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, an event which will probably take place to-day, an exchange of Notes covering the question of propaganda will be made, covering, among other things, express pledges by the Soviet that Communist agents will discontinue their efforts in the British Dominions. The pledge to refrain from mischievous propaganda will be all-embracing, therefore, and its bilateral nature may be regarded as a pleasant formality. If Mr. Henderson also makes it perfectly clear in the Note from the Government of the United Kingdom that the Soviet Government will be held responsible for the operations, if any, of its organ, the Third International; all the conditions necessary at this stage will, in our opinion, have been met. The Conservative distress at the resumption of diplomatic relations before outstanding questions, such as debts, have been settled is not dictated by elementary common sense. Might not it be asked of Sir Austen Chamberlain how he would propose to discuss outstanding problems with the Moscow Government before the countries have re-established contact with each other? Obviously, the restoration of normal relations is an essential first step. The charge of over-haste lodged against the Foreign Secretary would appear to have been disposed of by the events since the newly-appointed Ambassador's arrival in London. His credentials have not yet been presented and Mr. Henderson had admitted that the British Government has been responsible for the delay. The inference is that the Foreign Secretary was not prepared to introduce M. Sokolnikoff to the Prince until the question of the exchange of Notes had been satisfactorily settled. Small wonder that the Government gained a majority of 147 in a House which voted but 361 in strength.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

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### DAY BY DAY.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS LIES NOT IN DOING YOUR OWN WORK, BUT IN RECOGNISING THE RIGHT MAN TO DO IT.—Andrew Carnegie.

Three Chinese cases of smallpox were notified yesterday.

Sir Henry Gollan returned by the s.s. Malwa from Shanghai, where he has been sitting in appellate jurisdiction.

The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club is holding its second annual dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on January 10th.

The Staff and students of the Mansing College have organised a Christmas Concert to be given at the New Kowloon Theatre, Kowloon City, at 2 p.m. on Monday.

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

To-morrow's Interesting Pictures.

Many pictures of topical interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

Amongst the events pictured will be the wedding of Lieut. J. G. Shillington and Miss Mahony, the Interport regatta at Canton, and the final for the Lai Wah football cup, including the teams and the presentation of the trophy.

The opening of Rice Hall, the new University Hostel, will also be illustrated, whilst special interest will be shown in the pictures of Dr. Peltzer, the famous German runner, at the North Point Stadium.

Several other interesting pictures go to make up two pages of deep interest.

A fine of \$5 was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying two chickens suspended by their wings.

In our report of the Quarry Bay School prize-giving, appearing elsewhere, it should have been stated that the Director of Education has awarded a special prize for neatness, and that this is to be given to Veronica Thirwall.

The distribution of the prizes in connection with the University Photographic Club's exhibition by Mrs. M. B. Osman will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, the 23rd instant, at the Union Assembly Room at the University. All those who have participated in the exhibition are particularly invited to attend.

The Opium Commission which is touring the Far East under the auspices of the League of Nations is due in Hongkong on January 12th, and will stay here for about three weeks. An official visit will be made to Macao, and the members of the Commission will also probably make a private visit to Canton.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for week ended December 19th, 1908.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 8½d.

Inspector A. Ritchie, of the Hongkong Police, retired after 17 years' service.

The annual bazaar of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul realised \$2,300.

The T.K.K. liner Chiyo Maru arrived in Hongkong on her maiden voyage.

There was a further discussion in the Legislative Council regarding the proposed legislation to make spitting in public places a punishable offence. A motion to defer action for six months was adopted.

Bishop Porzoni presented a petition to the Legislative Council against a proposed new Peak tramway, the route of which would pass near the Roman Catholic Cathedral. The matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

### THE ART CLUB'S EXHIBITION.

### SOME IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITOR.

Criticism of pictures depends on one's predisposed attitude towards pictorial art. If none exists, then individuality must be lacking. This does not necessarily mean that one may be any the less open to conviction. Constructive criticism from an accepted artist is valuable, so also is the first unbiassed impression of one uninitiated. In art especially, it's so easy to adversely criticise and so render abortive what may be a successful career.

One might well go to the annual Art Exhibition in such a frame of mind as:—"Which of these pictures would I buy?" As one of the unskilled I could truthfully answer "three". One of them doesn't happen to be for sale, viz., Mr. Birch's "Village Scene Taipei." Another is beyond my pocket, Mr. Nola's brilliant "Sunshine and Shadow"; and the other is Mrs. Wyatt's "Junks off Lantau."

The first is definitely pleasing to the eye and must have artistic merit in it. I'm sure many good artists could not have treated the subject with such innocence and charm. The picture was "felt" by the artist, who did not allow himself to become befogged with technical colour contrasts. It was an aesthetic pleasure to discover that the virgin white paper "did" for a portion of the wall. The second one in this mythical shopping list is probably the best that Hongkong artists have seen produced by one of their number for a long time. Few of us can comment thereon, not so much because we are incapable of creating the like as because we recognize technique of an order that can make a success of two such uncomplementary hues. The third picture might well cure us of an aversion to "Junk" studies, for one is struck with the masterly hand with which the sails are dealt and the subject rendered with absolute veracity, which leads to wonder why this artist did not execute more pictures that demand draughtsmanship with ease.

Then there must undoubtedly be exhibits that would not be tolerated on a wall. If all our taste was in our mouths there would not be any such. Levity was allowed to be introduced into the exhibition in the form of "After the Water Shortage" and "A Combined Effort." But perhaps these pictures have some hidden message to give us. The first looks as though the subject had been treated in the wrong manner for working up of flesh tints, even as a sketch. It was rather astonishing to find that "The Alley, Wanchai," "Brassware Shop" and "Chinese Sawyers" were painted by the same artist.

One splendid exhibit was Miss Harry's Honiton lace.

Without presuming to go into the obvious merits of many pictures, the abstract impressions left on an open mind were, firstly, a relief from the fear of finding Japanese (?) white mist effects, with their apposite attendants, rose and orange madder brilliancies, in the exhibition—a disappointment inasmuch as aerial perspective is attempted too frequently without observation and understanding; and that few pictures show the outcome of serious study from life, still life, architectural and linear perspective. Subjects that necessitate draughtsmanship have unfortunately been avoided. Pencil and pen studies are therefore few. But a pleasing recollection is that nearly all exhibitors have studied their medium and kept a very important essential before them—constituted in comparative purity of colour, which leaves one in a very nice frame of mind. One hears quite a lot of loose talk about composition, admittedly a most important aspect, but unless the theory and principles of gradation, saturation, dominant colour, line direction, rhythm, etc., are studied, mere "balance" is the thing to aim for.

Why all these serious pictures are so low priced is a question on which perhaps some artist not lacking in the prevalent trepidation might enlighten us. The price in the catalogue cannot, possibly, indicate the knowledge shown or even the decorative value.

F. LICK.

There was another large and appreciative audience at the Theatre Royal last night to see "The Gaiety," and the whole show went with a fine swing. The concerted items were excellently rendered, and special mention must be made of the work of the orchestra under the able baton of M. Bakaleinikoff. The Philharmonic Society is indeed fortunate in securing his services, his masterly control in so small measure contributing to the great success of this delightful entertainment.

## The Very Idea!

To wear too many clothes in cold weather and thus become over-dressed in a contemporary, "like going out from a hot bath into the cold street—one of the most stupid things imaginable." Now that is just where doctors differ.

I have been told by a very able doctor (says a writer in a Home paper), that to go out after a hot bath was less dangerous than rolling out into the cold when one was already chilled. If the body is warm, he used to say, it is more protected against the cold than if it is below par. Which seems to me common-sense enough.

I must confess, says the writer, I have little use for those who tell me not to over-dress myself or to eat too much or to work too hard. I know without the aid of a physician that it is a bad thing to do anything to excess. It is when I have to decide just where the line should be drawn that I need advice; but in most matters experience is the only guide.

Dr. F. J. Waldo, the Southwark (S.E.) coroner, was told recently by a Royal Marine witness that in the Navy a man who had been drinking was not chased as drunk provided he could perform properly any duty put before him.

"A very good standard," observed Dr. Waldo, who added that he would like to see a definite standard settled upon in Courts of Law.

Mr. Cairns, the Thames Magistrate: I am told that dog racing is demoralising young men in the East End more than anything else.

Witness at Clerkenwell: I was trying to park my dog inside my gate.

Willisdon Mother: I can't understand my boy getting into trouble for I let him have his own way in everything.

Woman at Old-street: I am his second wife by his first divorce.

Counsel at West London County Court: Every man is proverbially unreliable.

Reading from a report on a case before him Judge Olver quoted: "He complains of slight pain on percuting the sacral region with a reflex hammer." This he interpreted as meaning: "If you hit him on the small of the back with a hammer, he feels pain."

One hardly knows which gives greater cause for admiration, the marvellous discoveries of modern science or the clearheadedness of those who can translate the words of wisdom so that they may be understood of the common people.

She: "They tell me she bought that dress by instalments." He: "Which one is she wearing?"

Mr. Levante, the magician now appearing at the Majestic Theatre, gave a free public demonstration yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Praya, near the Star Ferry when he jumped from a junk with his legs bound and chained, while both hands were handcuffed. To the wonderment of thousands of Chinese and European spectators he was able to reappear from the water after less than a minute's time.

## WHO WAS DU BARRY?

A woman of no education, and by temperament and early profession a courtesan, the Countess Du Barry was, nevertheless, destined to exert a tremendous influence on the destiny of the world.

The daughter of a customs clerk, Du Barry rose by well-planned stages, and by unquestionable charm, to be the mistress of King Louis XV., over whom she established an absolute ascendancy, becoming the real power behind the throne of France. Ministers were accepted into favour or disgraced according to her whim, and there were no limits to her influence.

Those were momentous days in the history of mankind, for there was much whispering in dark places, and in a little while that great eruption was to burst upon the world, altering the whole trend of its spirit, which we call the French Revolution.

Du Barry herself fell a victim of the Revolution. She returned to France after a stay in England, only to find herself charged before the tribunal, with dissipating the treasures of the State, and conspiring against the people. Thus it happened that one of the greatest characters of history was cut off from life by the dread blade of the guillotine.



**Y.M.C.A. DEBATE ON CIVILISATION.****WESTERN IDEAS UNSUITED TO THE EAST.****INTERESTING VIEWS.**

The lounge of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, was filled last night on the occasion of a debate on Western civilisation and its adaptability to the Orient.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman of the Literary and Debating Committee, presided and as it was the first debate since his return from England, he expressed his pleasure at being able to take part again in the activities of a section of the Y.M.C.A. which particularly interested him.

The Rev. F. C. Young, who proposed "That Western civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient," thought that in considering a motion of this nature an attempt should be made to approach the subject with an unbiased mind and, although the "personal equation" was bound to enter in to some extent, that those present should look at the matter from a detached point of view and not from their own point of view as Westerners.

**A Simile.**

The speaker referred to various definitions of civilisation, including that of "Bringing out of barbarism" which obviously could not apply in the case of China because its civilisation was far more ancient than our own. He took it that they were to consider whether it was possible and workable that Eastern civilisation should be taken away and replaced with that of the West, or that its place should be taken by a modified form of Western civilisation.

A simile might be drawn with the two tributaries of the River Rhone, one coming from the hills and crossing yellow country, and the other originating from the glacier regions and traversing cleaner soils. The two flowed past Geneva where on the left of the city one glimpsed the yellow stream and on the right the pure water from the glaciers. It was not until the yellow deposits of the one had been deposited on the banks of the surrounding country that the two met and flowed as one.

**Rival Viewpoints.**

Applying the above simile to the subject under discussion, the speaker said that in business, instead of direct contact, one had as intermediary the corporation; whilst socially the East and the West did not come together. It was impossible to adapt what was diametrically opposed in point of view and intellectual make-up. The Easterner considered that Western civilisation had taken away the art of living of which he knew so much. The West might be richer in some ways, but the standard of wealth in the East was 100,000. Whereas Western civilisation was characterised by aggression and militarism, trade expansion, acquisition and materialism, class hatred and discontent, the greater characteristic of the East was content and social peace. What to the West might often appear a wilderness was to the Easterner a Paradise. Whereas fidelity to the family was a marked characteristic of the Chinese race, the tendency in the West in modern days was to a negation of all family ties.

**Mankind One.**

The Rev. J. H. Johnson, in opening for the negative said that it was not the intention to claim that the East and the West were so similar that they would be united, but those who had had most experience of the races of mankind were the most deeply impressed that throughout the world mankind was one.

In support of his contention that the principles at the foundation of our Western civilisation were those of universal brotherhood and an enthusiasm for humanity, the speaker traced the working of these principles in the life of Europe since the dawn of the Christian era, and the tendency throughout the centuries towards the raising of the masses and the growth of greater freedom and independence.

It was a spirit of altruism which had made possible this process of development and had resulted in a stimulation to progress. It was not his case that Eastern civilisation should be scrapped and Western civilisation superimposed, but that the above-mentioned principles and altruistic movement were possible and adaptable to all humanity.

**Not Reconcilable.**

Dealing with the claim that militarism represented the spirit of Western civilisation and that in the Orient one had quietness, peace and repose, the speaker said one could hardly reconcile the picture with China in the throes of Civil War.

**FRANK ADMISSION IN COURT.****ARMED WITH KNIFE TO GET MONEY.****POLICE RAID SEQUEL.**

Acting on information received to the effect that a gang of armed robbers were congregating on the ground floor of 5, Portland Street, a party of detectives raided the premises yesterday afternoon and arrested one man with a knife in his possession.

On the man's appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a charge of being in possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose was brought against him.

In answer to the charge, the defendant said a debt was due him by a friend whom he had constantly asked for payment but had been put off. The debtor had a number of followers and always threatened the defendant, who accordingly armed himself with a knife with which he had intended to demand the return of the debt.

His Worship remarked that that was an unusually frank statement to make, and asked the defendant if he intended to use the weapon on his debtor, or whether he merely carried it as a threat.

The defendant replied that if he were attacked he would use it in self-defence.

According to Detective Sergeant Fitches, information had been received by the police that a gang of robbers were gathering at 5, Portland Street and intended to commit a robbery. They were alleged to be armed with knives and revolvers.

The police found a number of men on the premises, which were used as an opium driven, and on the defendant was found a butcher's knife concealed in his girdle. Another knife was found on the floor after the men had been taken out of the room, but it was impossible to say which of them had dropped it.

The defendant was fined \$250, or three months' hard labour.

**TOKYO SENSATION RECALLED.****FORMER MINISTER NOT TO BE PROSECUTED.**

Tokyo, Dec. 20. Owing to lack of incriminating evidence, the judicial authorities, after a close examination, have decided not to prosecute Mr. Ichita Kobushi, the former Minister of Education, who resigned from the Cabinet last month.

Mr. Kobushi resigned his post owing to allegations that he was implicated in a series of scandals.

**LADY MOTORIST.****CAUTIONED FOR TRAFFIC OFFENCE.**

For passing another moving vehicle in the controlled area of Aberdeen, at a speed stated by the police to be between 15 and 20 miles an hour, on the 12th instant, Mrs. Robertson, living at the Repulse Bay Hotel, who was driving a car, was cautioned, and in addition fined \$5 for failing to produce her driving license when called upon to do so by the police.

The summons was brought before Mr. Hamilton this morning.

**LOWER DISCOUNT RATE.**

Washington, Dec. 19. The Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank has lowered its discount rate to 4½ per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

and the Western nations, banding their energies together towards the limitation of armaments and the effective working of a League for International Peace.

Dealing with the quotation by Mr. Young of the first line of Kipling's famous poem, the speaker quoted the whole verse to show that the spirit of the poem was wrongly interpreted by taking the line from its context:

East is East, and West is West and never the twain shall meet, Till earth and sky stand presently at God's great Judgment seat. But there is neither East nor West, Border nor Breed nor Birth, When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends of the earth!

Dr. Ashton seconded Mr. Young, and Mr. J. M. Wilson seconded Mr. Johnson.

The meeting was then opened for discussion, and interesting contributions were made to the debate.

After concluding speeches by the leaders on both sides, the motion was put to the meeting which decided by 27 votes to 21 "that Western Civilisation is not adaptable to the Orient."

**THE FREE LICENCE PROBLEM.****POLICE FEAR A RUSH OF WIDOW HAWKERS.****DODGES EXPOSED.**

That all the widows in Kowloon would commence to hawk without licences, be arrested and then be recommended by the Magistrate for a free licence was the reason advanced by Sergeant Barnicle before Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for not giving a widow a free licence from the Poor Box.

The defendant, who appeared in the dock with a small child, intimated, in reply to his Worship, that her only means of livelihood was hawking.

The constable who effected the arrest told his Worship that when arrested the defendant had the child with her.

His Worship, in recommending the defendant for a free licence, intimated that the defendant was not like other women hawkers who merely got children for the occasion of their appearance in Court.

When asked if the defendant should have a grant from the Poor Box with which to pay for the licence, Sergeant Barnicle remarked that he did not think she should. He pointed out that if she were given a donation from the funds, every widow in Kowloon would get arrested for hawking without a licence merely to obtain a free one.

The officer remarked that he had had one woman applying for a licence and stating that her husband had been dead for the last ten or twelve years while she had with her a son of only four or five years old!

The defendant was cautioned.

**FIGHT OVER DEBT FOR COFFIN.****TWO CHINESE BOUND OVER AT KOWLOON.****ONE MAN'S DENIAL.**

During the hearing of a charge of disorderly conduct brought against two men, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, it was stated that they had had a fight over a debt due for the purchase of a coffin from one of the defendant's firm.

In reply to his Worship, both defendants agreed that the fight was over one of the men trying to collect a debt, but while the first defendant denied owing the second anything, the latter stated that the first defendant had guaranteed a friend who had purchased a coffin from his master. The first defendant denied that he had anything to do with the transaction except that he had introduced the purchaser to the second defendant's shop.

Both defendants were ordered to be bound over to be of good behaviour.

Two ricksha coolies, who were arrested at Mody Road for creating a disturbance last night were cautioned, neither of the defendants having been in any way injured. The quarrel was stated to be over a debt which one of them owed to the other.

**POLICE SERGEANT CHARGED.****MANSLAUGHTER COUNT WITHDRAWN.****A WOMAN'S DEATH.**

Pi Shih-hsi, a Shantung police sergeant, made another appearance at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the manslaughter of a married woman named Lo Chak, who, it is alleged, was assaulted by the accused, with the result, that she had to be treated at the Government Civil Hospital, where she died on December 7th.

Mr. L. R. Andrews, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and said he wished now to withdraw the charge of manslaughter, and amend it to one of causing grievous bodily harm. He had seen the doctor at the hospital, who stated that the woman died from pneumonia, and her death could not be attributed to the effects of assault, if any.

Mr. Andrews also asked if he might see the copy of the woman's dying deposition, but Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, who defended, objected on the grounds that they were sealed up.

Mr. Andrews said that did not matter. He had seen the Registrar, who had said that they could be seen.

Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, asked on what authority Mr. Andrews contended that he had the right of seeing the depositions, and the prosecutor replied it was on the authority of practice.

Mr. Hamilton said that they were sealed and locked in the Magistrate's safe, and he would not let one party see them without the other. He supposed Mr. Andrews was going to put them in as evidence.

Mr. Andrews replied that he certainly was.

The case was fixed to be heard on Monday afternoon, at 2.15 p.m.

**THREE CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT.****FAILED MANAGER FAILS TO APPEAR.**

Arrested yesterday and charged with the embezzlement of \$6,229.89, but later released on bail of \$2,000, Chang Hang Po, alias Chan Cheong, manager of the King Fook Wo firm, of 66, Bonham Strand, failed to appear at the Central Magistracy to answer the charge this morning. His bail was exonerated, whilst Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, ordered a new warrant to be issued.

The charges against him were that he took for his own use on April 30, 1929, \$2,400; on May 27, \$3,000, and on June 10, \$229.89 being the monies of the King Fook Wo firm, of which he was manager.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the prosecution and said that the man was arrested yesterday, but was allowed bail of \$2,200, and told that he must be in Court by 9 a.m. to-day.

The Magistrate:—He probably went to Canton by the night boat. Mr. Brooks:—Very probably.

**BUS DRIVER FINED FOR SPEEDING.****ON A ROAD WHICH WAS UNDER REPAIR.****KOWLOON INCIDENT.**

Included in the usual list of traffic cases heard by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was a summons against the driver of a Kowloon bus, who was charged with speeding along Kowloon City Road.

The defendant was alleged to have travelled at a speed of 21 miles per hour along a road which was normally 25 feet wide, but which had 14 feet under repair. There were quite a number of people about at the time, while there was always the danger of small boys running out from the verandahs, in which event the defendant would not have been able to pull up.

Sub-inspector Mason, who prosecuted, intimated that if he had been driving the bus he would not have gone more than six or seven miles an hour, as it was not safe.

The defendant was fined \$30, for failing to provide his vehicle with two independent and efficient brakes, both of which were stated to have been useless.

In a case in which it was stated that one brake was useless while the other was good, the driver of a motor lorry was fined \$25. It was intimated that the driver claimed that he had informed the owner that the brake was defective but in spite of that he had been ordered to take the lorry out. The owner, when spoken to by the police, remarked that he had had a lot of work to do and could not worry about the brakes.

A summons against the owner for allowing the lorry to be on the roads without proper brakes was adjourned, the defendant not appearing in Court.

**WEST RIVER NOW OPENED UP.****BOATS ABLE TO REACH WUCHOW.**

According to a notice issued by the Harbour Master, the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., this morning, steamers are now allowed to proceed as far as Wuchow. The text of the notice is as follows: "Information has been received that the West River is open to traffic as far as Wuchow and that the reported barrier has been removed."

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**MR. T. V. SOONG.****MAY VISIT CANTON VERY SHORTLY.**

Shanghai, Dec. 19. The Finance Minister of the National Government, Mr. T. V. Soong, it is understood, will visit Canton in the very near future, probably some time before Christmas, in order to hold a series of conferences with Kwangtung and Kwangsi finance experts on the financial rehabilitation of South China after the recent military operations.

The Royal Observatory reports that the northern portion of the anticyclone is moving eastward, leaving a separate anticyclone central over China. Depressions are shown to the east of the Loo-choo and to the south of Guam. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: Northerly winds, fresh; fine.

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The Warwick Revue Company arrived this morning by the Malwa from Shanghai after an enormous successful season in the North. The Star Theatre should be well filled to-night when the first of the three farewell performances will be given here. To-night's programme will be "High Lights" to-morrow (Saturday) will see "The Whirligig" and the final performance will be given on Sunday when "Farewell Fare" will be staged.

Everyone will remember the delightful performances this clever company gave here a few weeks ago, and will welcome the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with them. The plans are at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.



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## THE WORLD OF SPORT

### INTERPORT TRIAL PROBLEMS.

#### THE TEAM SELECTED FOR TO-MORROW.

#### A WORD ABOUT THE WING COMBINATIONS.

#### A DIFFICULT TASK.

(By "Wanderer.")

Two of the three Senior League matches which should have been played to-morrow have been cancelled in order to accommodate an Interport Trial game—the fourth in three weeks. It is none the less a necessity. It had been hoped that the Association would manage to get through the trials without interrupting the normal programme, which will be subject to more than enough interference while the team is away in Shanghai, but the experience of mid-week trials has proved disheartening. All three have resulted in fiasco. On Tuesday, for instance, six of the Selected XI appeared on the field, and a Navy 2nd XI defeated them, with full-backs, by three goals to two (one unobserved).

To-morrow's trial, which is being played at Sookunpo, may be regarded, therefore, as the first dependable test for those who have so far struck the fancy of the selection committee. Fancy, in my opinion at the moment, is the correct word. The team as constituted appears to have been built up from one or two fancies, some of them perhaps well-founded, others certainly questionable. The selectors (or so my understanding of the position would suggest) fancy, for instance, that Butcher would be lost without Bewley-Bull. They also fancy that they can afford to reduce Gosano's efficiency by playing him at inside-right because his presence there increases the efficiency of his brother on the wing. About this more anon.

#### The "Probable" Team.

In the last analysis, the eleven turning out to-morrow may be regarded as a definitely Probable Interport Team, though a great deal will depend upon the performance of McKelvie in the centre-forward position. The team will be—

Rodger;

Wynne Reeves;

Hedley West Bliss;

B. Gosano A. Gosano Bewley Bull McKelvie Butcher.

With one exception, Goldman for McKelvie, this is the side which, there is excellent reason for believing, has had the approbation of the selectors from the very beginning, and if McKelvie does well—and there is no reason to anticipate otherwise—it is to be presumed that the approbation will continue. No complaint of lack of perseverance can be lodged.

The team has its merits and its deficiencies. Rodger is the obvious choice for goalkeeper, and the same may be said of Wynne, who fills the right back berth. He has rarely played better football than he did last week against the Army. Reeves, his partner, is a safe kick, anticipates well, and tackles moderately well. His headwork is not good. He does not back up his half-back adequately, preferring to hug the goal area.

Hedley is the most consistently brilliant half-back in the Colony to-day. West is probably the Colony's outstanding centre-half, without attaining to the ideal. His headwork is splendid, his defence is of a high standard, but he is inclined to over-kick his forwards and he lofts the ball too frequently. Bliss is worth his place if keenness is the guiding factor. In his last three matches, he has been off colour. Judgment is reserved until he has again tackled the Van Tromp-Firth proposition, though what has been said about Reeves has to be borne in mind.

B. Gosano is a coming player. He may have arrived, but this is questionable. He has played remarkably good games and some poor ones. A.V. Gosano is bound to get a place. McKelvie is still a big player. If he lacks anything in speed, his penchant for doing the right thing at the right time, his splendid ball control and accurate passing more than compensate. Bewley-Bull has his admirers.

Frankly, I am not one of them. His shooting is poor. He is fairly speedy, a difficult man to tackle, and a hard worker all the time. Butcher, the left winger, is a star player. Nippy at all times, he centres beautifully, and when he cuts in towards goal, custodians get on their toes. His only fault is a tendency to try his luck too often.

That is the eleven as I see it, but not as I would play it even if these were the only players available. The left-wing combination and the right wing, to some extent, represent one of two things, fallacious reasoning or, as a logical outcome otherwise, admissions that Butcher and B. Gosano are not worth their places on their own merits, but depend upon the skill of their partners. In neither case can this be safely asserted. Neither player has been given a proper test with a different reliable partner. Butcher is a thoroughly sound player in all respects. Like any other wing player he must have good support. But it does not follow that Bewley-Bull is the only player who could give it to him. At least two other players could be named.

B. Gosano has been spoon-fed lately, but there is no justification for assuming that this is absolutely necessary and it is certainly not good for him. A.V. Gosano, in fact, has been over-doing it rather; spoiling his own chances in order to make an easy opening for his brother. A worthy object, undoubtedly, but it does not assist very greatly. It may be argued that on "The Day" Gosano will play his own game, involving, perhaps, the snatching away of the "spoon." Otherwise, chances may again be sacrificed for the sake of wing combination. Not a likely contingency, of course, but if so much stress is laid on the value of a particular combination, it may be necessary to point out the other angle which is "sticking out a mile."

#### Alternative Line-Up.

These views are not entirely new to those for whom they might, or might not, be of special interest. In conversation on the subject, I have been asked, invited or challenged, to submit an alternative team, and if I do not do so, it is because the value at this stage would be highly problematical.

Presuming for the moment, though it is not safe, that the defence will stand good, my team I should be prepared to suggest would have A.V. Gosano at centre-forward and if limited to the five players selected for to-morrow, I would line them up as follows: B. Gosano Bewley-Bull, A.V. Gosano, McKelvie and Butcher.

Other forwards with claims are McGilnehy, as an inside-left, Stock, as an inside-right (either of whom would automatically displace Bewley-Bull), and possibly, Ward, for his shooting. In conclusion, it should be made clear that while these criticisms are largely destructive, it is not because the very great difficulties facing the Selection Committee are underestimated. Their freedom of choice is limited to an extent probably never experienced before, and their task is that of making the best of the material available. To a considerable extent, commendation is due. The failure of the trials is something which could not be foreseen, but the fault of former years in choosing players for trials knowing that they had not a chance of selection has been carefully avoided. There is, however, such a thing as making too much of difficulties and, in consequence, putting up with what is regarded as the next best too soon. If this is avoided, the Committee will have done well. The Navy are turning out a very strong side for to-morrow's game and it should be worth travelling a long way to witness.

#### Senior Match.

The only senior league match to-morrow will be played at the Stadium between Chinese Athletic and the Royal Artillery. The Chinese should register a comfortable victory.

The fixture list is appended:

#### Interport Trial.

Selected XI v. Royal Navy.—Sookunpo, 4 p.m.

#### Senior League.

Chinese Ath. v. R.A.—Stadium, 4 p.m.

#### Junior League.

Club v. R.A. Res.—Club, 2.30.

St. Joseph's v. S. China "A"—St. Joseph's, 2.30.

Chinese "B" v. K.O.S.B.—Stadium, 2.30.

Kowloon v. Eastern.—Kowloon, 2.30.

### LOCAL RUGBY

#### CLUB MEETS CORNWALL TO-MORROW.

What should be by far the best Rugby game so far this season takes place at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon, when the return match between the Cornwall and the Club takes place.

The last encounter between the two resulted in a narrow victory for the Cornwall, but the Club have now a much improved side and are quite likely to avenge their former defeat. The form of the Club players will be closely watched in view of the Interport team which must be picked within the next few weeks, and also in view of the forthcoming triangular Tournament with the Services.

When the Club lost Stanton and Wood it seemed that there was going to be great difficulty in replacing them, but with Bonnar playing again and a great improvement in the play of some others behind the scrum their places have been adequately filled. The Club's back division is potentially a strong one and should, when the handling improves, develop into a really effective scoring force.

To-morrow the Club will have out what is undoubtedly the best XV they have put in the field this season and spectators are assured of a really good game.

A charge will be made for admission, but members and ladies will be admitted free. The kick-off is at 4 p.m. and the Club XV is as follows:—R.J. Grieve; G.P. Lammert, G.A.L. Plummer, M.D. Scott, L. Goldman; I.A. Ross, and J.L. Bonnar; F.R. Burch, A.D. Sutcliffe, D.L. Milne-Day, T. Riddell, E.R. West, W.E. Peers, J.A.E. Kendrick; and B.P. Massey (Capt.) Referee:—H.L.F. Ewin.

### FANLING GOLF.

#### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.04 a.m.—Captain Riggs and P. Morrison.  
9.12 to 9.20 a.m.—Reserved.  
9.24 a.m.—Final of Club Championship.  
9.28 a.m.—A. O. Brown and C. W. Jeffries.  
9.32 a.m.—S. T. Bettin and G. B. Thomson.  
9.36 a.m.—N. S. Ellis and H. H. Benson.  
9.40 a.m.—R. P. Moodie and C. J. D. Law.  
9.44 a.m.—A. F. Judd and R. W. Taplin.  
9.48 a.m.—W. A. Butterfield and L. G. S. Dowell.  
9.52 a.m.—A. Ritchie and R. Young.  
9.56 a.m.—W. A. Staley and C. M. Roberts.  
10.00 a.m.—A. E. Lissaman and J. M. Norris.  
10.04 a.m.—V. J. Atkins and J. Keogh.  
10.08 a.m.—C. B. Robertson and C. E. Moore.  
10.12 a.m.—H. U. Ireland and A. D. Humphreys.  
10.16 a.m.—E. D. Lawrence and I. R. Andrews.  
10.20 a.m.—A. Piercy and O. Ewart.  
10.24 a.m.—S. S. Perry and W. G. Lorrimer.  
10.28 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and J. C. Kyle.  
10.32 a.m.—F. M. Ellis and E. S. Abraham.  
10.36 a.m.—J. H. Raikes and E. D. Black.  
10.40 a.m.—R. A. Green and N. H. Procter.  
10.44 a.m.—E. dea Yoeux and A. B. Purves.  
10.48 a.m.—J. MacKnight and T. C. Monaghan.  
10.52 a.m.—L. H. Ruffin and I. H. Geare.  
10.56 a.m.—B. J. Lacon and J. Coulthart.  
11.00 a.m.—E. E. Ellams and C. B. Brown.  
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11.08 a.m.—I. A. Ross and C. C. Roberts.  
11.12 a.m.—V. M. Grayburn and E. Grimble.  
11.16 a.m.—M. H. Turner and C. Black.  
11.20 a.m.—O. D. Brown and W. D. Harris.  
11.24 a.m.—A. H. Penn and J. R. Collis.  
11.28 a.m.—J. W. Alabaster and Capt. Ashby.  
11.32 a.m.—J. Forbes and D. S. Robb.  
11.36 a.m.—M. B. Matthews and V. J. Clerk.

Ewo v. Koroia.—Chinese H.V., 2.30.

R.A.S. v. Somersets.—Sookunpo, 2.30.

The following team will represent the Club Reserves: Stirling; Sloan, Potouloff; Bell, Railton; Hynes; Dinnen; Thompson; Jackson, Smith, Wilson, J.M. Reserves: Pankhurst, Hooper, Fowler.

The following will represent Kowloon Reserves: Angus; Guest (or Springett); Hast; Hannan, Easterbrook, Dunnett; Eastman, King, Nicholls, Coates and Bickford. Reserves: Philpott, Seddon.

### SHARE PRICES.

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

**Banks.**  
Hongkong Bank, \$1370 n.  
Chartered Bank, \$182 n.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$304 n.  
East Asia \$95 b.

**Insurance.**  
Canton I.R., \$695 n.  
Union Ins., \$358 b.  
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$2 n.  
China Fires, \$310 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$315 n.

**Shipping.**  
Douglas, \$25 n.  
H. K. Steamers, \$274 b.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.  
Indo-China, (Def.), \$70 n.  
Union Waterboats \$22 n.

**Mining.**  
Benguets, \$470 b.  
Kailane, \$5 n.  
Langkots, Tls. 13.60 n.  
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.  
Rauhs, \$11.20 n.  
Tronohs, 21/- b.

**Docks, etc.**  
Kowloon Wharves, \$143 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$327 n.  
China Providents, \$5.40 b.  
Rongkows, Tls. 190 n.  
New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

**Cottons.**  
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.40 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 74 (old) b.

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Some of the scenes are brilliant, especially the coloured revue setting, and there are also some catchy melodies well sung. Throughout, however, the men's voices, both in singing and talking, register much better than the girls'. Anita Page, Bessie Love, Charles King and Jed Prouty have the main roles, and they are all quite good. Bessie Love in particular acting with much force and power.

### LOCAL CRICKET.

#### K. C. C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The K. C. C. teams for their friendly matches to-morrow are as follows:  
1st XI v. University, on K. C. C. ground.—W. Bruce (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. P. Fincher, P. Goodwin, P. Zimmermann, T. Lee, D. Laing, N. H. Ross, W. C. Hung, H. T. Buxton and O. B. Raven. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, A. Hyde-Lay.  
2nd XI v. University on University Ground.—B. Petheram (Capt.), G. Lee, J. J. Hirst, S. Jex, N. A. E. Mackay, A. J. Kew, R. Baldwin, F. S. W. Smith, H. Marlow, A. E. Sillstone and H. A. Gregory. Umpire, A. W. Bliss; scorer, Capt. Laithwaite.

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### CHARITY SOCCER.

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Navy.—Jarvis, McGregor and Jones; Pugsley, Tilley and Sturdivant; Van Tromp, Firth, Cann, Stephenson and Dickenson.  
Army.—Fletcher, Oliver and Reeves; Everest, Davey and Joyce; Rayson, Stock, Gill, Bewley-Bull and Butcher.

Referee Mr. W. E. Hollands, Linemen Messrs. Smith and Stokes.  
Bewley-Bull won the toss, and elected to play against the wind, and H. E. the Governor Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., kicked off for the Navy. H. E. the Governor remained until the final whistle sounded. H. E. the General Officer Commanding, Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., was also present throughout the match.

The Army were the first to attack but were not dangerous. The Navy backs were very safe and cleared well. A dash by the Navy right wing found Cann in possession close in but Fletcher saved the shot. Another visit by the Army gave Butcher an opening but his centre was cleared by Jones. The Navy now settled down and Fletcher was the hero of the match stopping shots from all the Navy forwards and from all angles. About halfway through the first half the Navy took the lead. Fletcher failing to clear properly from a shot by Van Tromp, Fletcher threw out to the left and Dickenson sent in a cross shot which Reeves assisted into the net, deflecting the ball out of Fletcher's reach.

The Army took up the attack but failed to pierce the Navy defence. At the other end the Navy forced several corners and Stephenson added to their score with a fast shot. The remaining minutes of the first half were desperately fought out but the Navy held on to their advantage and at the interval were leading by two clear goals.

During the interval the massed bands again played selections which were well received.

#### Second Half.

Resuming, the Army set up a persistent attack on the Navy goal and Jarvis was very untidy, but the Army forwards failed to follow up. From a corner kick Gill headed over the bar.

Dickenson got away on the left and sent in a long shot which was cleared by Fletcher. At the other end the Army had a free kick thirty yards but the Navy cleared. Reeves lobbed the ball in from the halfway line and Gill sent in a shot that Jarvis failed to hold, and the ball entered the net.

The Navy were soon at the other end but shooting was wild. Jones miskicked close in but Gill lifted the ball over the bar. A shot from Stock was turned behind by Jarvis and following the flagkick Bewley-Bull just cleared the upright.

Dickenson beat Everest and Oliver and centred, Firth turning the ball into the net. This practically put an end to the game for play on both sides fell off.

The Navy backs played well up the field and the Army forwards were constantly pulled up for offside. A breakaway by the Army found Stock in possession close in but he cleared the bar. The Army left wing did well but Jarvis had fairly an easy time with McGregor and Jones playing safe. Near work by the Navy forwards took the ball down and Firth tipping to Cann unmarked, the Navy centre forward beat Fletcher with a well placed shot.

There was no further scoring, and on the general run of the game the Navy deserved their win by four goals to one.

### LETTER GOLF.

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1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page.

### KREUGER'S PROGRAMME.

#### ANALYSIS BY FINANCIAL WRITER.

"Kreuger's Programme" is the title of a highly interesting article dealing mainly with the Kreuger & Toll Company, just published in the leading Swedish financial weekly "Affarsvärlden" (The Business World) by the chief editor of the paper, who is known to possess intimate knowledge of the transactions and structure of the Kreuger concern, the activity of which he has analyzed and studied for years.

He points out that the Kreuger & Toll Company, which is the centre and backbone of the entire Kreuger combine, calls itself "an organizing, managing, and financing company." Mr. Kreuger recently stated that he prefers few but big interests, since he considers the small ones to demand as much work as the big ones. Kreuger often buys real estate and securities at favourable opportunities, but seldom sells anything of importance.

A clear impression is given that Kreuger's programme is to build up a concern consisting of a limited number of well-chosen big interests, in the development of which the Kreuger & Toll Company, often takes an active part with continually increasing capital power.

"We do not know of any large undertaking of the same type as Kreuger & Toll," the author says. It is an undertaking, whose securities are now quoted on more stock exchanges than those of any other concern. Kreuger & Toll's holdings of shares consist as far as can be seen, of securities of the highest classification, and those which cannot be given the highest classification show a correspondingly higher yield and are safeguarded by additional security.

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The author distinguishes four corner stones of the Kreuger & Toll Structure: on the one hand real estate and Government bonds, on the other industrial and banking interests. These interests are increasingly assuming the character of "safe and sound investments" with considerable future appreciation of value and yield. The first pair of corner stones are predominantly characterized by security and good yield, the second pair has somewhat more speculative character and depends upon a continued development of the most important branches of the world trade. But these two pairs alternatively come to the fore depending on whether trade is booming or whether there is a period of depression and thus maintain the balance.

An analysis of the assets of Kreuger & Toll, amounting to a book value of over £45,000,000 show how the risks have hitherto been distributed between the various groups. Thus 36% consist of Government loans, 10% of real estate, 25% of industrial shares, 7% of bank shares, 8% of other shares and bonds and something over 14% of accounts receivable.

The author points out that the two large transactions carried out this year will bring the Company a new capital of about 600,000,000 kronor. At the same time through the realization of previous assets large sums can be raised, first of all the £15,000,000 5½% French Government bonds, now having a value above par, which may be issued to the general public after March 31, 1930.

The author points out that the capital power of the Company grows continually and that a concern with such an independent and highly centralized management will be able to reach a scope of activity, of which an older generation hardly dared to dream.

### MINISTER BARRED.

#### NANKING REJECTS JAPAN'S APPOINTMENT.

Nanking, Dec. 19.

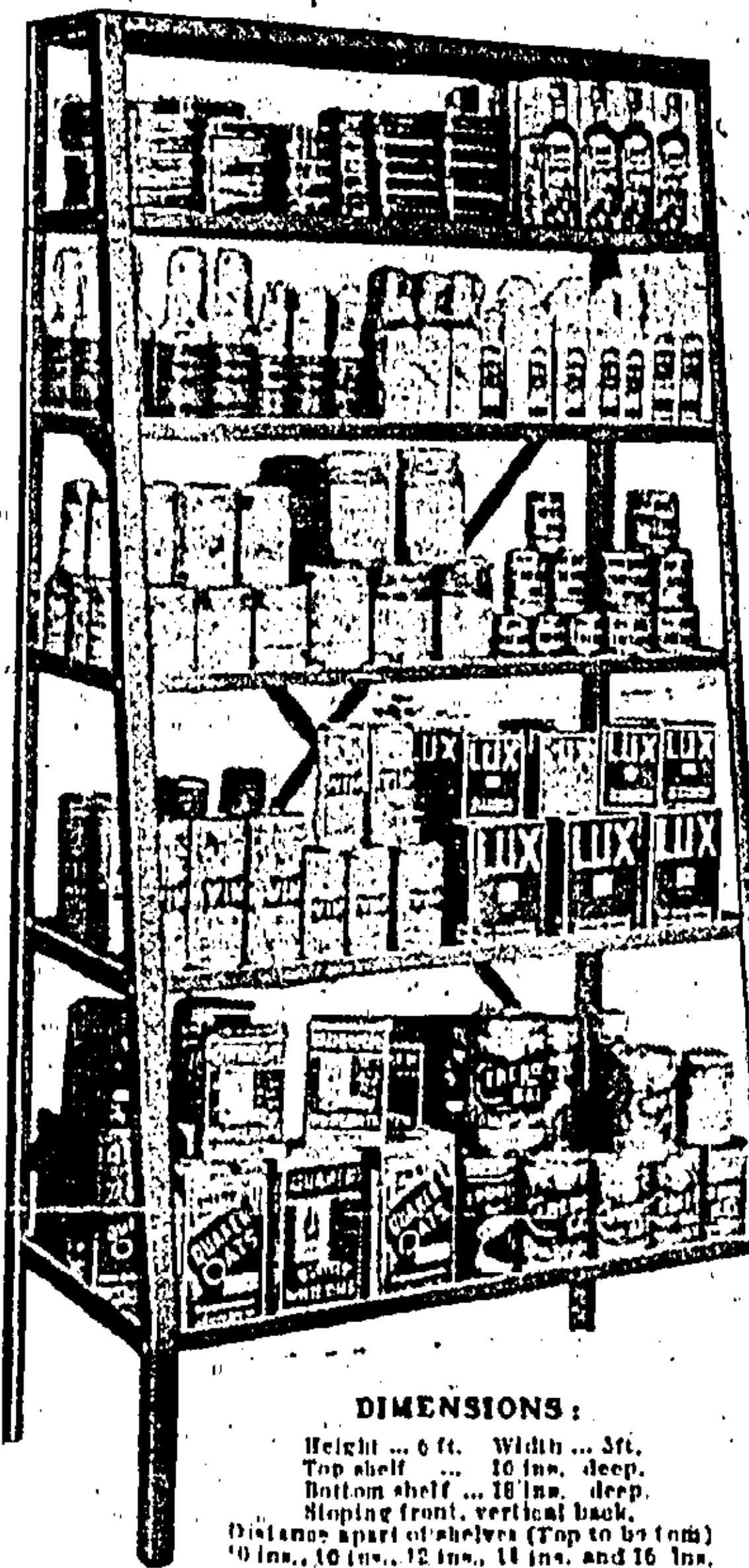
The Central Daily News, the official organ of the National Government, states that the Government has decided not to agree to the appointment of Mr. Obata as Japanese Minister, and the Foreign Office has been instructed to communicate this decision to the Japanese Government.

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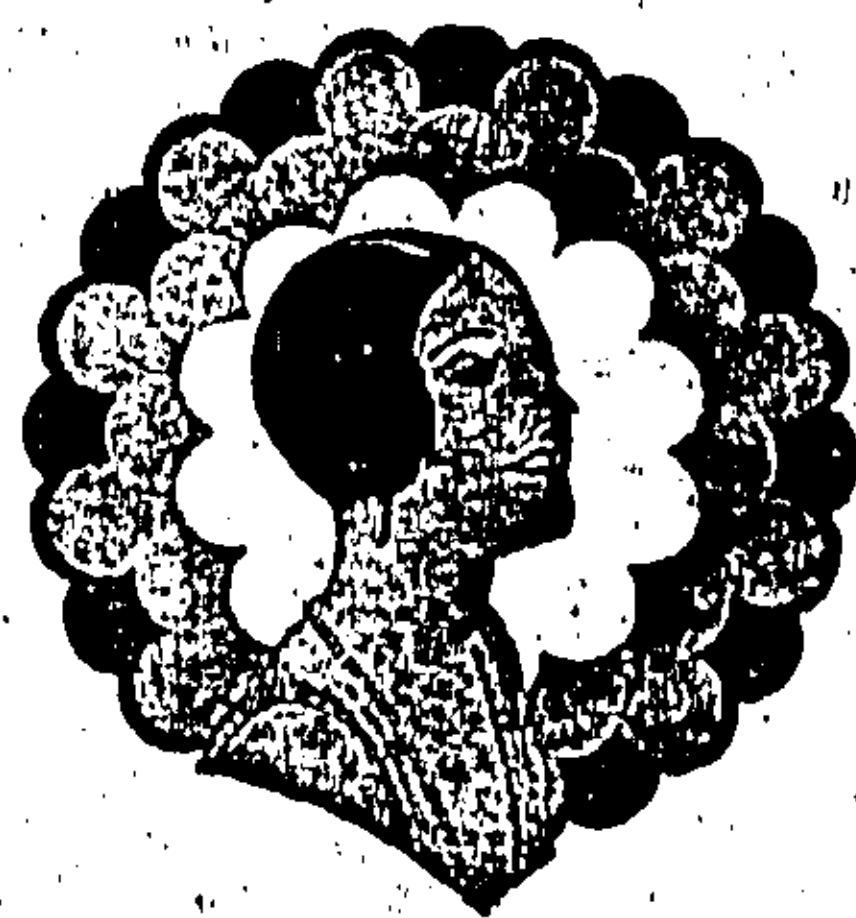
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## GARRISON NEWS.

KEEN PLAY IN ARMY  
HOCKEY TRIAL.

Some good hockey was seen on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, when an Army Trial was played. The Whites won deservedly by three goals to one. Perhaps the presence of an Indian, at centre-half in place of McCann, who did not play, was also responsible for the Colours' defeat. The Indian played a remarkably fine game, making opening after opening, and swinging play across to the other wing whenever the opportunity offered. Teams:

Colours.—Lt. Barrett, Lt. Walter, Lawrence, Gardner, Major Philby, Capt. McLellan, Lt. Marshall, Kingsland, Davies, Capt. Wernicke, Lt. Christman.

Whites.—Lt. Alms, Martin, Capt. Huxford, A. N. Other, Capt. Strachey, O'Flaherty, Phillips, Walker, Denwood, Hall, Hill.

At the commencement of the game, each side visited the other's goalmouth in turn, and Philby sent out a good pass to Marshall, who let it go outside. Huxford gave away a corner, but the Whites were soon off the mark again, and Barrett had to leave twice in quick succession. Walker made a good run on the right, and passed to Hall, who missed the goal, however, and sent over the line. Good runs on either side were spoiled by off-side, but the Whites seemed to have the advantage over the Colours' halves.

A run by Hill, and a pass to Hall gave the latter a good goal.

O'Flaherty conceded a long corner, but the Whites got going from the hit in, though Gardner did good work in defence. Davies and Wernicke got near again, but in a melee in front of goal the ball was sent over. Further pressure by the Whites just before half-time gave Walker the opportunity to shoot well from the edge of the circle, to add to his side's score.

Play in the opening stages of the second half was more in favour of the Colours, who had better combination than in the early periods.

Alms had to make a save at his end, and cleared well, but the Colours kept up the attack, and Kingsland shot a good goal. Play then ran from end to end, with the Whites again having the upper hand. Good stick-work by all the Whites' forwards, and a fine run on the right by Phillips, and a pass to Denwood, ended the scoring.

## Cricket.

A friendly match at Sookumpoo on Wednesday afternoon ended in the R.A.P.C. losing to the R.A.S.C. by five wickets. It is of interest to note that this is the first occasion on which the Pay Corps have turned out a cricket eleven in Hongkong, their strength all told, including officers, being in the neighbourhood of a score. The Pay Corps were the first to bat, and suffered disaster almost at once, two wickets falling to Fry for 4 runs, with balls which would have beaten almost any player. Steady batting, however, pulled the score round. Ward, with 11 runs, Captain Etherington, with 14, and Evans, with 19 not out, were accompanied by some fast hitting by Troup, who got 16. Fry's analysis was the good one of 5 wickets for 34 runs, whilst Slimp-son took 3 wickets for 36. Lt. Marshall saved a lot of runs on the boundary by good fielding. The R.A.S.C. score was 81.

A steady drizzle had set in when the R.A.S.C. went in to bat, and it seemed that the match could not be concluded. However, three wickets fell quickly for 21 runs, but when Fry joined Major Langmaid, who had batted carefully, runs came more freely, and the score was taken to 74, when Matthews was able to dismiss Fry, caught and bowled. Fry had made 38, including two sixes. The R.A.S.C. innings was declared at 87 for five wickets, with Major Langmaid 24 not out. Evans, with three wickets and Matthews, with two, were the Pay Corps bowlers, and were handicapped, as were the rest of the side, in having to bowl and field a wet ball.

## Football.

In a match in the Hongkong Area Football League at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the 12th (H) Battery, R.A., defeated "C" Company, S.L.I., by two goals to one. Teams: 12th Bty.—Luckham, Mellis, Bayliss; Watson, Woods, Ward, Triggs; Taylor, Allen, Bridgeman, Walker; "C" Coy. S.L.I.—Lilly, Spiller, Sergeant, Norris, Mead, Chislett, Perrett, Dicken, Latchem, Mead, Lancaster.

Perrett scored the first goal for the Somersets, with a neat header, but the Gunners soon replied with a good run down the field, and Allen sent in a hard drive which Lilly had little chance to save. End-to-end play was the order for the rest of the first half, with both sides playing hard for the lead.

Norris was little more than a passenger in the second half, and many mis-kicks were his lot. The game, however, increased in speed and interest and both goals were visited in turn. Bridgeman put the Gunners ahead with an almost unstoppable shot when the second half had been in progress for 15 minutes. Latchem and Mead, for the Somersets, played well, and Allen, together with the Gunners' full-backs, were most prominent.

Navy Matches. Sirdar defeated Marazion at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon by three goals to one. Teams: Sirdar.—Stott, Harness, Holden; Braham, Hobbs, Greenwood; Edmondson, Glover, Welch, Horner, Hazzard. Marazion.—Inch, Goddall, Swift; Brown, Keon, Wells; Richardson, Durham, Milton, Tugwell, Pauly.

Marazion were the first to score. Tugwell sending in a good shot from about 15 yards. There was no further score in the first half, but Horner and Walsh (2) scored in the second half for Sirdar.

Cornflower played a draw of one goal each with Tamar at Happy Valley, Lake scoring for Tamar, with a very hard shot, and Bennett getting a goal for Cornflower, about three minutes from time. Teams:

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The following will represent the Rencio in their League Match against the Royal Artillery to-morrow on the winning ground, King's Park.—J. J. Guterres, H. A. Alves, H. M. Xavier, D. P. Xavier, J. E. Noronha, A. P. Pereira, C. M. Sousa, G. Guterres, J. H. Figueiredo, M. F. Pinna and F. H. Carvalho.

## BILLIARDS.

PRISON DEPT. DEFEATS ST.  
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Some keenly contested games were witnessed in the Officers' Mess, Victoria Gaol, on Wednesday evening in a billiards match played between the Prison Dept. and St. Patrick's Club, the Prison Dept. comfortably winning by a margin of 111 points. The best break of the evening was made by Mr. Gowland, who ran out with 38 unfinished.

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## CHAPTER XXIII.

"Oh, hello, Dundee! I'm glad to see you," Bert Magnus greeted his Sunday afternoon caller with surprising cordiality.

"I'm afraid I'm interrupting you again, old man," Dundee apologized, as he took the comfortable, shabby armchair beside Magnus' desk. "But I believe I'd never get to pay you a visit if I didn't have the nerve to butt in. You're certainly an industrious chap!"

"Industrious—yes!" Magnus agreed with a bitter twist of his mouth. "And a fat lot it's got me. If I hadn't been so industrious last night, poor Cora wouldn't be in jail now. 'I'll never forgive myself for not meeting her after the theatre as I promised. The truth is, I forgot everything when I'm absorbed in tinkering with this fool yarn of mine. But all the success in the world wouldn't make up to me for causing that poor girl one hour's stay in a dirty jail."

"I wish Cora could have heard him say that," Dundee thought, as Magnus took off his nose-glasses and polished them very hard to remove the moisture which had suddenly misted the lenses. Aloud he remarked: "She's charged only with being a material witness, you know, Magnus. I'm sure she can arrange bail the first thing tomorrow after court opens."

"I wish to heaven I had the money to go on her bail myself," Magnus worried, running his left hand distractedly through his dark-brown, oily hair. "She wouldn't have been a material witness if I had kept my promise to her. Did she actually see Sevier crawling out of Mrs. Hogarth's window? That's the rumour about the house, I believe."

"I'm sorry, but I can't tell you," Dundee answered truthfully. "But let's try to forget the whole miserable business. We can't catch the murderer or do poor Cora Barker any good by mulling it over. How's the story coming on?" and he glanced toward the battered old typewriter on the open roll-top desk.

"That's not the story," Magnus told him, glancing toward the sheet of paper rolled into the machine. "I was trying to frame a letter to my family in Riverside, California. They're likely to see newspaper accounts of the murder at the Rhodes House, and be worried about me. Finest family a chap ever had, Dundee. I was a fool to wander, I guess, but I got the idea I'd do better absolutely on my own, not tied to a mother's apron strings. Well, she—died less than a year after I began my travels, and—"

"He coughed, then suddenly reached into the desk for an envelope. "Like to see some snapshots of my folks?" he asked, his voice slightly husky. "This is my kid sister, Gertrude. Trudy, we call her. I can hardly believe she's got to be such a big girl. She was only 13 when I left home five and a half years ago. Here's Dad—one of the grand old men of the fruit industry out there. He's president of a Fruit Growers' Association now, and when I go home I guess I'll be content to take a job under him. Here's a picture of my older brother—known as 'Red.' My funny little red moustache looks as if it had wandered from his face to mine. I know I look queer with a red moustache with this dark hair of mine, but—my mother had red hair."

He rambled on, showing more snapshots of the pleasant Spanish type of home, the "folks" in the family car, a police dog—

"I'm homesick as the devil," he acknowledged with a sigh, "but I've got a stubborn streak in me. I talked so big before I left home, and I hate to go back with empty pockets and—this." He held out the crumpled right hand, with a curious gesture of contempt and self-loathing.

"Your hand was hurt after you left home?" Dundee asked sympathetically, his eyes veering from the curled, withered fingers.

"Yes, and I've never had the nerve to write the family just how much damage I suffered in the accident. I feel like half a man, especially when I look at these pictures of Dad and Red. Splendid types, aren't they? It happened four years ago in Florida. I was travelling in a motor bus between Miami and Hialeah, on a real estate company's sightseeing tour. The bus collided with a heavy truck and was badly wrecked—turned over and the top caved in on us. Two of the passengers and the driver were killed outright. I thought I was lucky to get off with nothing worse than an injured hand—cut straight across the palm with a piece of the windshield glass," and he exhibited the scar.

"Tooken luck anyway," Dundee sympathized.

"Yes, the ligaments of the fingers were cut clear through, though I didn't realize it immediately. The

fact is, when I came out of the ether at the hospital the nurse told me my folks were wiring frantically, and I dictated an answering wire to her—assured them I was only slightly injured. I wish now I'd had the nerve to tell them the truth later. I played the fool, too, on compensation—signed a release to the motor bus company for a paltry five hundred, when I might have got twenty or thirty thousand out of them, if I'd known how completely my hand was ruined."

"Can't you use it at all?" Dundee asked.

"Oh, some. The thumb is all right, and I use it to space with when I'm typewriting. But the fingers are useless. I learned to write with my left hand, or my career as a bookkeeper would have been ended forever. By the way, would you like to see the story I'm working on?" he asked with eager eagerness.

Dundee nodded inwardly, but his affirmative was cordial. "I'm afraid my typing is rotten," Magnus apologized ruefully. "I'm copying it over, thinking perhaps the bad typing was one reason the movie company turned it down. People are so prone to judge by appearances, you know. Here it is. What do you think of the title, 'More To Be Pitied'?"

"Fine!" Dundee applauded, but inwardly he groaned. Was he going to have to read through this bulky manuscript?

"I don't want to bore you," Magnus apologized, but the grey eyes behind the oval lenses were shrewdly eager, and Dundee could never bear to hurt anyone's feelings.

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The story was so absurd, so hackneyed, so badly written, even as a scenario, that Dundee pitied with all his heart the man who so eagerly awaited the verdict.

Ashamed of his insincerity, but because those shy, eager eyes were pleading with him, Dundee read aloud, with apparent relish, the last paragraph of "More To Be Pitied":

"And so here with the setting sun turning the window-panes of the old homestead into squares of pure gold, the long hard trail ended. Little Madge was at home again, but not alone now. No longer could the fierce temper of her grandfather terrify her, for she had Big Buck of the Lonesome Hills to protect her, to shield her against every storm of life, to be the father of the new little lives which would one day make the old homestead ring with happy laughter." He laid the script down upon the desk. "That's a swell conclusion you have, Magnus. The fans will eat it up."

"Cora thought maybe I ought to have Madge and Big Buck walking hand in hand up the hill into the setting sun, with apple blossoms drifting down about them," Magnus worried. "What do you think? Seems to me like that's been done before."

"I think your own conclusion is fine," Dundee assured him mendaciously. "Oh, sorry!" he exclaimed, as his elbow knocked a book off the edge of the desk. He stooped to retrieve it, saw that the front cover had flown back, revealing the flyleaf, on which was inscribed: "Herbert S. Magnus, Riverside, Calif., January 10, 1924. He closed the book and returned it to the desk, noting that it was a textbook on scenario writing.

"You've been working at this game quite a while, I see," he remarked, hoping that the pity he felt did not show in his voice.

"Oh, and on, I subscribed for this course in 1924, but I've just lately got down to serious work. You see, I want to make some quick money, so I shan't be too ashamed to go home. And—well, maybe I'll take someone with me. There usually much disgrace attached to a woman if she's held as a material witness in a murder trial, or do you know, Dundee?"

"I wouldn't worry about that," Dundee reassured him, extending a hand which the other gripped awkwardly with his left. "Cora

needs you to stand by her now, and if you feel that way about her—"

"I'll stand by, no matter what they say she did," Magnus said earnestly, his grey eyes blinking rapidly behind his glasses.

"Poor devil!" Dundee groaned to himself as he made his escape. "This is the worst of the business I've elected. I'll be weeing innocent lives wrecked all the time—the flotsam and jetsam that washes ashore after every murder trial."

But he's going to have his girl, and Cora's going to get off with as clean skirts as possible, or my name's not Bonnie Dundee."

This resolve buoyed him up temporarily, but the new detective found it hard to wait with any degree of patience for the next scene in the drama. He had ideas of his own about searching every boarder's room for possible clues, but he could do nothing on Sunday. With his fellow-guests at work on Monday, and with Mrs. Rhodes' connivance, he would have a free hand. Monday, too, would bring the postman, and he in turn should bring old Mrs. Hogarth's regular monthly letter from "S."

Sunday evening Dundee strolled down to police headquarters, endeavored a good deal of affectionate kidding from his uncle, Police Commissioner O'Brien, learned from Strawn that nothing new had developed, and that Sevier was still most emphatically missing. Dundee was discouraged. If he was right about the importance of the "Bad penny" clue, then why was Emil Sevier a fugitive from justice?

Fortunately the first mail-delivery was not until half-past nine on Monday, and Dundee was the only boarder who was watching for his arrival, as the stooped, grey little man plodded up the Rhodes House walk.

(To be Continued.)

## HONOUR FOR BYRD.

### PROPOSAL TO MAKE HIM A REAR ADMIRAL.

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On the instructions of the police all public-houses in the village were closed for about two hours.

A magistrate from Guildford, Mr. J. Short, was present ready to read the Riot Act if necessary.

The police, however, were not required, and the villagers were amazed at the sudden invasion. There was no disturbance of any kind, and the council proceedings were formal and orderly.

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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 51/29. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders, by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

Camp Pay—All ranks of all units except No. 6 Platoon will parade at Camp pay, Monday 23rd Dec. for issue of Camp pay. No. 6 Platoon will parade as directed by O/C Scottish Coy. Cheques and pay lists have been issued to O/C Units who are responsible that all ranks sign the pay lists.

## Tactical Exercise.

A field firing tactical exercise will be held at Fanling on Sunday 10th Jan. (not on 18th Jan. as previously discussed) in which the following units will take part: M. G. Troop, A. C. Coy., M. G. Coy., Scottish Coy. Attendance to count as 2 parades or as 1 day in Camp.

## Casuals.

Table T. Machine Gun Part I. All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday 22nd Dec. 1929. Range Officers 2nd Lieut. A. Hutton Potts and 2nd Lieut. J. F. Wright. Dress—Musketry order, uniform or mufli. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

## Table T. Rifle Part II.

All casuals in the above course will fire at Stonecutters on Sunday 6th Jan. 1930. Range Officer Captain R. R. Davies. Dress—Musketry order, uniform or mufli. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m.

All ranks who are casuals in either or both of the above mentioned courses are reminded that the firing of either or both of these courses, where applicable, is one of the obligations of a Volunteer.

## The Battery.

Dec. 20th to 22nd Practice Camp at Tai Lam as previously notified. Transport will leave Kowloon Ferry Friday 20th at 5.45 p.m. Dress—Tunic, shorts, greatcoats, helmet, puttees (tapes at the bottom) and bandolier.

## Engineer Company.

All members are advised that the Engineer Coy. camp will be held at Lyeemun from Friday night, Jan. 10th to Sunday night, Jan. 12th. Two nights in camp are necessary for efficiency and all members are requested to send in their names to O.C. Coy. stating what period they are attending camp, as soon as possible. There will be no parade on Dec. 20th.

## Corps Signals.

There will be no further parades until Monday Jan. 6th.

## Armoured Car Company.

Car Section, "Parade at Headquarters on Friday 20th at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction."

Motor Cycle Section, "Parade at Headquarters on Friday 20th at 5.30 p.m. for instructional Rifle."

## Parades.

No parades will be held at Headquarters from Tuesday 24th Dec. 1929 to Thursday 2nd January 1930.

## Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further parades till Tuesday 7th Jan. 1930. Details later.

## Scottish Company.

Next parade will be held on Thursday 9th Jan. 1930. M. G. Instruction. No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. G. Duncan M. B. E.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters under Lieut. H. R. Forsyth. As from 1st Jan. 1930 No. 5 (Tal-koo) Platoon, owing to lack of mem-

## R. A. F. BALL.

## BRILLIANT FUNCTION AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.

With Wing Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins as principal host, the Royal Air Force, including both Kai Tak base and the fleet air arm, gave a ball at the Peninsula Hotel last night which was in every way a brilliant function.

The large and distinguished gathering included H.E. the G.O.C., Major General Sandilands, Commodore R.A.S. Hill, and their Staffs, as well as the Commanding Officers of the K.O.S.B. and Somerset Light Infantry and other officers of these battalions, and of all units in the garrison.

The music was excellent, all arrangements were superb, and with many ladies gracing the occasion with their presence the function was altogether an outstanding social event of the season.

bers, will cease to exist as a platoon, and present members will be absorbed by and become part of No. 7 Platoon. Until sufficient members warrant institution being given at the Dockyard, training will be carried out at Headquarters.

## Portuguese Company.

Company Commanders Parade. The Company is expected to parade at Headquarters on Friday Jan. 3rd at 5.30 p.m. as strong as possible. Dress—Optional Rifle and Bayonet, Belt and Pouches.

A circular re combined Naval and Military operation on 15th Jan. in which the Company have been invited to participate by H.E. The G. O. C. Commanding The British Troops in China will be issued to all ranks early next week.

## Musketry Badges.

Table T. Part II Rifle. No. 21 L/Sgt. J. C. Goodman with score of 107 has been awarded the badge Crown and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Sergeants and Lance Sergeants.

No. 999 Pte. K. McLennan with score of 106 has been awarded the badge Star and Crossed Rifles in Wreath as the best shot of Corporals and Privates.

## Transfer.

Cpl. Greig W. to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from 19. 11. 29.

No. 294 Pte. McKelvie, J. to be transferred from No. 6 Platoon to Reserve Company, Scottish Section, as from 5. 12. 29.

## Resignation.

The following are permitted to resign from the Corps.

No. 694 Pte. D. Ogilvie, M. G. Troop, from 7. 11. 29 (on medical ground).  
No. 1457 Pte. R. W. D. Danby, No. 4 Platoon, from 10. 11. 29.

## Leave.

No. 1216 Pte. A. M. de Luz, No. 12 Platoon, from 6. 11. 29, to 5. 1. 1930 (sick leave).

No. 411 C. S. M. Lee Jones, R. W. having returned from leave and rejoined for duty, the unexpired portion of his leave is cancelled.

## Promotion.

The following will take effect from date.

No. 1426 L/Sgt. F. Baker, Headquarters, to be Sgt.  
No. 322 Drmr. R. B. Bell, No. 5 Platoon, to be L/Cpl.  
No. 1314 Pte. A. Chapman, No. 5 Platoon, to be L/Cpl.

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(a) "Drink to me only,"  
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(b) "The Night Nursery,"  
(Arundale) Contralto.  
Dick Barry and a Piano.

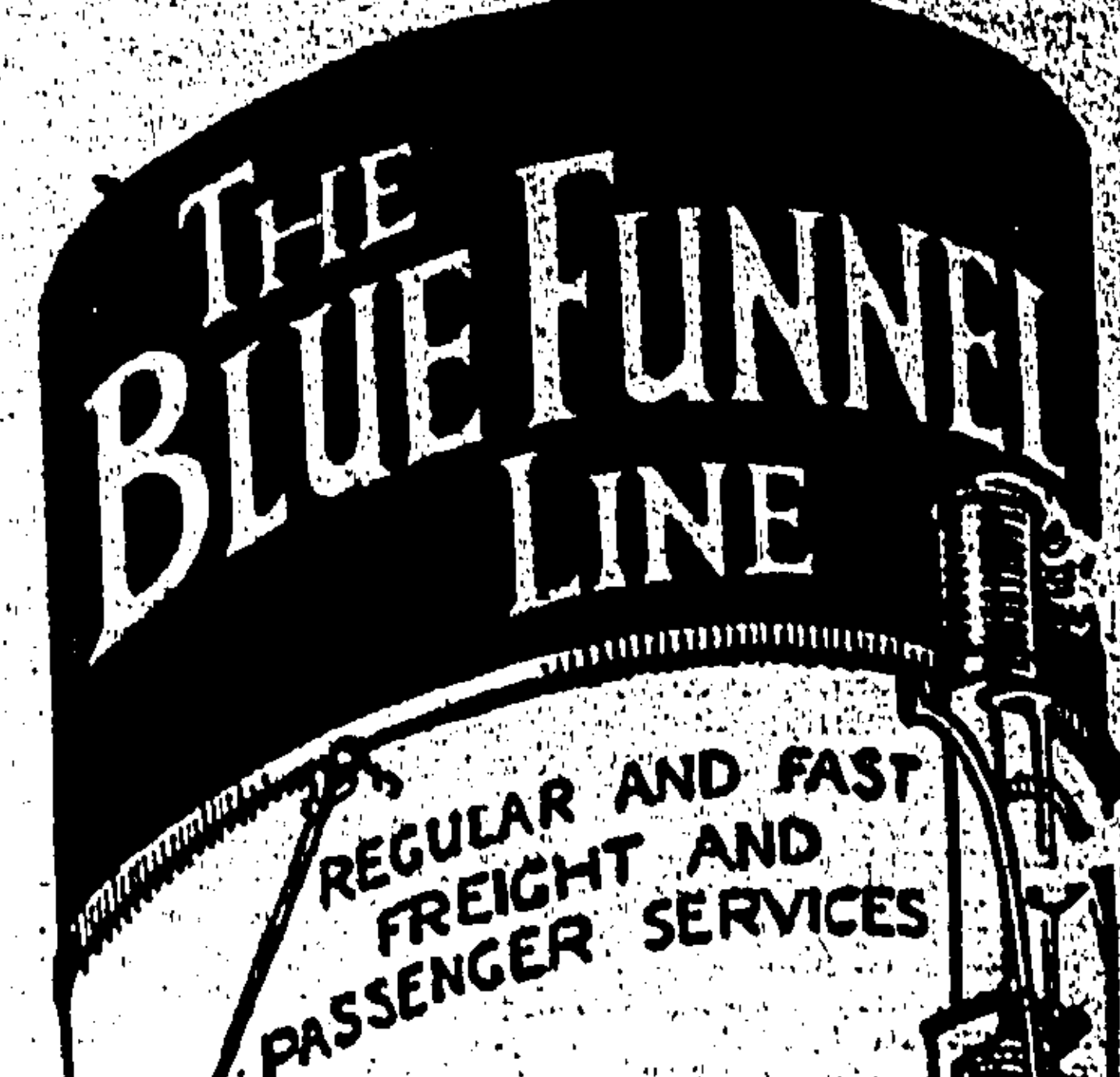
(a) "Son of Mine,"  
(b) "Sea Fever,"  
Miss Isabel Wallace, Contralto.

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"La Paloma,"  
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Piano Syncope, Mr. G. W. True.  
Chanson Espagnole, (B. Winkler), by Miss Isabel Wallace, Contralto.  
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1929.

## HAICHING PIRACY HEROES.

(Continued from Page 2.)

as it at present stands apart from this Bill, the sort-holders and subscribers form important parts of the old constitution, having amongst other duties the duties of electing a Church Body, it became necessary to consider the question of having a new electorate to deal with matters appertaining to the Church of England. In searching round for a new electorate it was decided to establish for the future, as is done by the provisions of this Bill and the schedule, a more democratic body of electors than hitherto existed. As hon. members will see, if they will kindly turn to page 13 of the Bill, it is provided now in view of the electors being seaholders and subscribers as they are at the present moment, that qualified electors are persons of either sex of 18 years and upwards who are baptised and are members of the Church of England or a Church in communion therewith and do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England, and are not entered upon the electoral roll of any other Church in the Diocese and have signed a declaration to the above effect. Now, Sir, this electoral body have certain important functions to perform as hon. members will see if they will turn over to page 14, regulation No. 17, which provides that there shall be held annually in connexion with each Church in the month of January, the annual Church meeting of qualified and duly enrolled electors (a) for electing representatives to the Board of the Trustees of the Church of England in the Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong; (b) for electing the Church Council; (c) for electing representatives to the Diocesan Conference; (d) for electing sidesmen; (e) for electing an auditor; (f) for receiving from the Church Council and considering a copy or copies of the electoral roll, an annual report on their proceedings and a statement of the financial affairs of the Church.

It will therefore thus be seen that this wider body of electors proposed to be established by this Bill, a body that has been widened in the hope that an increasing number of Church-goers in this Colony will take an interest in the affairs of the Church of England, have very important duties to perform. With regard to the Church Council which will take place next month, hon. members will see, on referring to pages 11, 12 and 13, regulations in the second schedule with regard to the constitution of the Church Council, the election of lay representatives and various powers which are entrusted to the Church Council by this Bill. Amongst other things the Church Council will have power to frame an annual budget of moneys required for the maintenance of the work of the Church; power jointly with the incumbent to determine the objects to which all moneys to be given or collected in the Church shall be allocated, and the disposal of money given at the offertory; power jointly with the incumbent to appoint and dismiss (if so authorised by the Trustees in their letters of delegation) to pay the salaries of assistant chaplains, organists, and subordinate officials, and to determine the conditions of the tenure of their offices, provided that no appointment or dismissal of a clergyman shall be valid unless approved in writing by the Bishop; power to make regulations regarding all or any of the following

matters—holding of meetings of the Church Council, keeping of accounts of moneys received and expended by the Church Council and all other matters relating to the affairs of the Church Council.

With regard to the rules of procedure of Church Councils, they will be found in the appendix on pages 16 and 17. Another matter which is dealt with by this Bill is the bringing in under one central incorporated body all the principal business functions which are at present vested in the Church Body or all the Churches of England in this Colony and also to provide for each Church of England in this Colony a Church Council to manage its domestic affairs. This Bill, by clause 3, appoints a body of Trustees who consist of the parties there named, and by clause 6 of this Bill there is vested in these Trustees various properties, funds and endowments belonging to the Church of England in this Colony. By clause 5 of this Bill these Trustees are incorporated by the name of the Trustees of the Church of England in the Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong, and by that same clause they are given the usual powers of incorporated bodies to acquire property, to dispose of property and to use a common seal.

I do not think, Sir, that I need say anything further with regard to the general principles of this Bill. As regards the details of the Bill, I think they are sufficiently explained in the Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill and at the end of these Objects and Reasons, hon. members will see a table of correspondence between these sections of this 1929 Ordinance and the Ordinances of 1899 and 1904. I beg to move the first reading.

The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

## The Arms Ordinance.

The Hon. Attorney General, in proposing the second reading of "An Ordinance to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900" said: It has been suggested, Sir, that it might be useful to draw attention again to the fact that when this Bill comes into force the class of exempted persons entitled to carry and possess arms and ammunition will be very much reduced in numbers. Under this Bill, exempted persons, to put it shortly, means persons in the Naval and Military and Air Forces, Volunteers and Police Forces, Police Reserve, in respect of arms and ammunition used by them in connexion with their duties, commissioned officers in the Army, Navy and Air Forces, Consular representatives *de carriere* and certain public officers whose names are approved by the Government, and any person to whom the Inspector General of Police shall have issued, in his discretion, a written letter of exemption. The present class of exempted persons is much larger. It includes, in addition to those persons to which I have just referred, any public officer appointed by the Crown, or by letter from Government, any Justice of the Peace, any special juror, members of the Legislative Council, barristers, solicitors, medical practitioners, clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic Priests, or any minister of any congregation of Protestant Dissenters. A number of persons, when this Bill becomes law, will cease to be exempted and will have to take steps to give up their arms if they have any or obtain exemption under the new law if they can. I thought I should mention it and draw the attention of the public to the fact that the status of many persons will change in this respect upon this Bill becoming law. I beg to move the second reading.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time.

## CASE RE-STARTED.

SEQUEL TO ARMED ROBBERY AT MA TAU KOK.

An aged cattle dealer, living at Ma Tau Kok, together with other occupants of his household were the victims of an attempted armed robbery which was committed during the beginning of November by four men, who, following their arrest, were produced before the Kowloon Magistrate.

Yesterday afternoon the case against the four men, two of whom were represented by Mr. Arthur Covey, was heard by Mr. Whyte Smith. The proceedings had been partly taken by Mr. Schofield, but the hearing yesterday was recommenced.

Detective Inspector Fallon briefly detailed the facts of the case to his Worship. He said that the complainant was a cattle dealer and on the night in question, while he was talking to two inmates of the house, four men knocked at the door and, on being admitted, intimated that they wanted to search the premises. One of the occupants held his hands above his head in submission to the request but the old cattle dealer objected and pointed out that, not being accompanied by a European Inspector, the men could not be allowed to carry out their search.

As soon as the men found that they were being opposed, one of them produced a revolver with which he threatened the inmates. Disregarding the weapon, the old man raised the alarm and caused the intruders to take flight. They were chased and the first defendant was overtaken. He was caught by the inmates of the house and handed over to Inspector Phillips, who happened to be passing.

Subsequently, the other defendants were arrested but at an identification parade only the second accused was recognised.

In reply to his Worship, the officer mentioned that the only evidence against the third defendant was his own admission in a statement, but there was nothing against the fourth except the fact that he was arrested in bed in a house in Nam Cheung Street together with the second defendant. He had stated that he worked on the premises but it transpired that he only lived there.

His Worship remarked that there was little possibility of the fourth defendant being committed on such evidence.

The case was then proceeded with and after hearing the evidence of Mr. C. A. Grimes, who produced plans of the vicinity of the robbery, and of the evidence of the cattle dealer, the hearing was adjourned till this afternoon.

It subsequently passed all remaining stages and became law.

The following Bills passed all their remaining stages and became law.

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, 1900.

An Ordinance to amend the Deportation Ordinance, 1917.

An Ordinance to amend the law relating to intoxicating liquors.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, January 2.

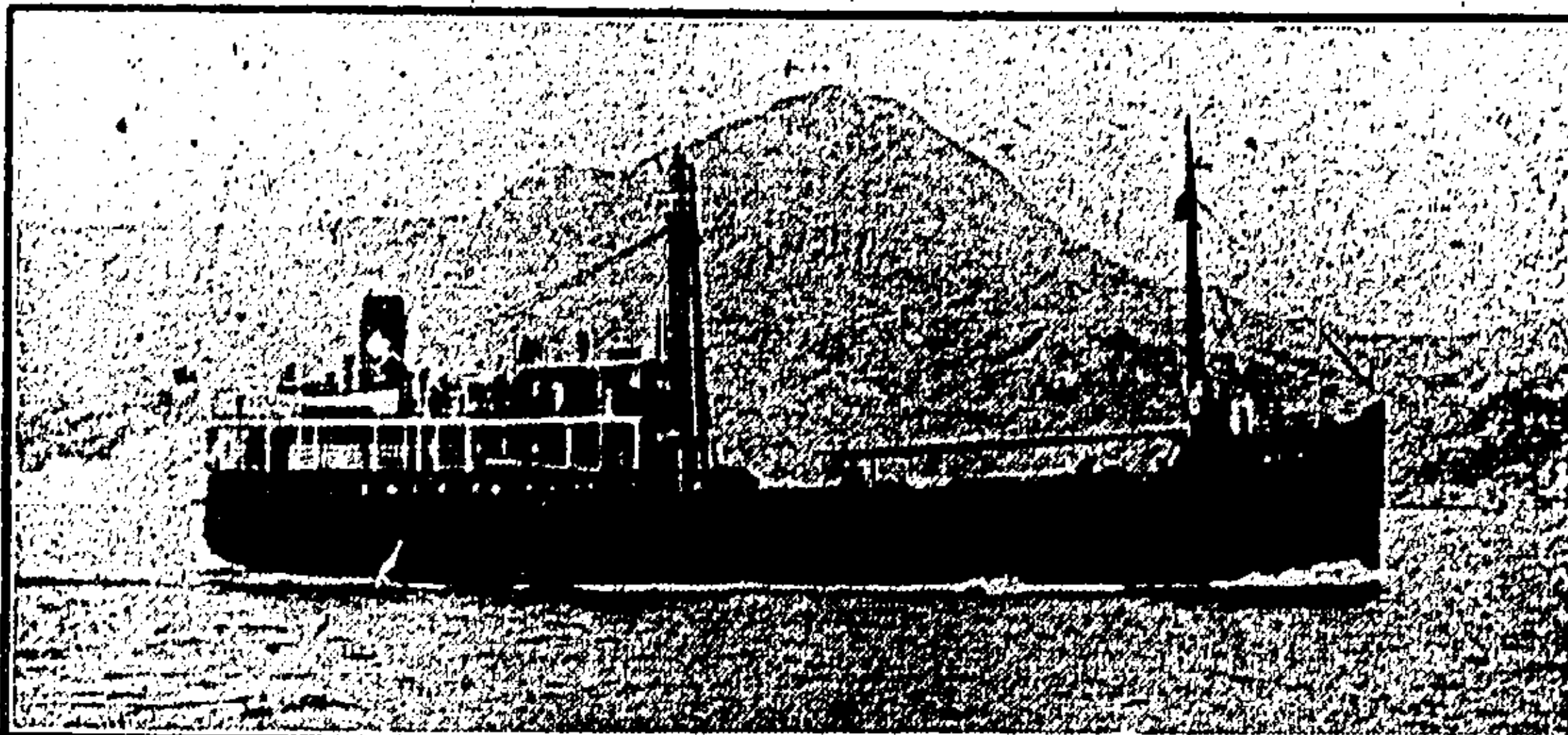
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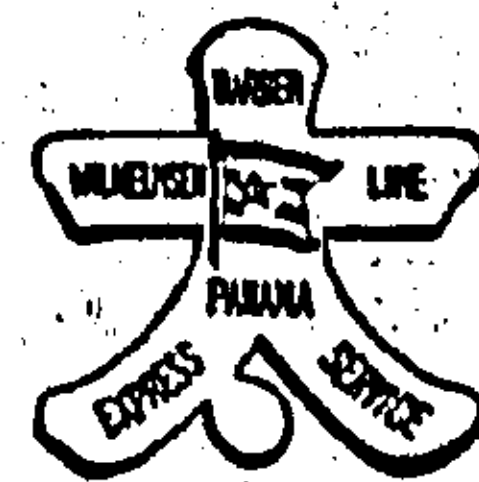
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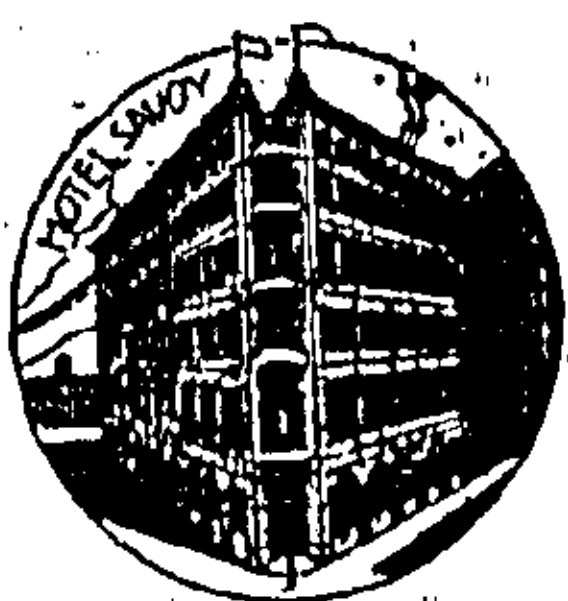
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## EUROPEANS IN A MOTOR CASE.

MR. SAMPLE SUMMONED ON  
COMPLAINT.

MR. FRANKS' VIEWS.

Two residents, Mr. E. F. R. Sample, an architect belonging to the firm of Dennison, Ram, and Gibbs, and Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons are the parties in a traffic summons which was brought, at the instance of Mr. Franks, before Mr. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Adjourning the summons, Mr. Hamilton asked Mr. Franks to explain, informally, what his complaint was, in order that Mr. Sample might understand the position.

Mr. Franks said he was driving up to the Peak in a car belonging to Mr. Clark, of the Public Works Department, the other occupants being Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Mr. R. V. Harris, of Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.

Half-way up Stubbs Road, they passed an Austin Seven, which had signalled them on, and as they were proceeding up the road, at a speed of between 18 and 20 miles an hour, they were overtaken and passed, without any warning, on a bend, by car No. 1278. As far as he could see, this car had no headlights.

He judged the speed of the car to be about 30 miles an hour. It seemed to him to be a reckless piece of driving, and the following morning he reported to the police.

The offence is alleged to have occurred at 7.30 p.m. on the 11th instant.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who appeared for Mr. Sample, asked what his case was replied that they were not denying that Mr. Sample passed Mr. Franks' car, but they did deny that he passed Mr. Franks' car in the manner described.

His Worship adjourned the hearing until Tuesday afternoon, remarking that he anticipated the proceedings would take several hours. As a personal inspection of the spot was desirable, in view of the different views on locally held by the parties, his Worship asked Mr. Franks if it would be convenient for him to drive him up to the Peak this evening.

Mr. Franks:—At the Government's expense, your Worship! I haven't got a car.

The matter was settled by an appointment being made with Mr. Franks and Mr. Sample for both to go with Mr. Hamilton on Monday evening, to the locality, in a car to be provided by his Worship.

## FRANCE ON NAVAL SECURITY.

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London Conference and members of the President's Cabinet, to discredit the United States Government before the Japanese delegation, and thus to try to cause a breakdown of the London Conference.

The leading article said:—"It is needless to say that Americans regard with some uneasiness the proposition that the size of the relative strength of the United States Navy be determined by a political bargain with other Powers, and expert naval counsel will be minimised. If not disregarded entirely, the public will be vitally reassured if the Secretary of the Navy participates in the Conference, which may shape the future of the Navy."

The journal adds:—"When Mr. Stimson and Mr. Dwight Morrow enter into an exchange of naval views with such an expert as Admiral Takarabe, it is not to be expected that the Americans will hold their own."

Mr. Adams, the Secretary of the Navy, has formally denied what is referred to as an implication by the Post, that his absence from certain conferences with the Japanese delegates was the result of "some design aimed at the Navy and against his wishes."

Reuter's American Service.

Naval Holiday.

New York, Dec. 19. Mr. Wakatsuki, former Premier of Japan, who is one of the Japanese delegation to the Five-Power Conference, has announced that Japan is prepared to support the proposal for a complete holiday in respect of capital ships until 1936.

The American-Japanese conferences have now concluded. Mr. Stimson has issued a statement saying that "an agreement in line with the objective of both countries has been reached."

Official circles emphasize that the Americans and Japanese have only discussed the broad outlines of their respective positions, and that all questions of figures and details have been left to be thrashed out in London. Reuter's American Service.

## CANTON'S LATEST PROBLEM.

FINDING ROOM FOR  
WAR PRISONERS.

CINEMAS USED TO HOUSE  
CAPTIVE REBELS.

ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Canton is at present faced with the problem of finding accommodation for the large number of Ironside and Kwangsi rebels taken prisoner during the recent operations.

The authorities have been obliged to take over the Police Club, on the Taiping maloo, as well as the Wing On Cinema, on the Wing On maloo, and the Taiping Theatre, to house the captives.

Our Canton correspondent reports that the Kwangsi rebellion is now in its last stages.

The Cantonese forces are advancing up the West River at full speed, and practically without opposition. They are now in the neighbourhood of Dozing and Takling and are expected to be in Wuchow within a couple of days.

The Navy is co-operating with the army in this drive, and large numbers of rebels have been killed in their retreat.

Aerial activity continues and it is reported that a number of air raids are planned for Wuchow.

## "PEACE IN INDUSTRY" MOVEMENT.

Important Step Forward  
Registered.

THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT.

London, Dec. 19.

An important step in the "peace in industry" movement was taken to-day, when a conference was held between representatives of the Trade Union Congress, the Federation of British Industries, and the Confederation of Employers' Organisations.

The Conference agreed to proposals for co-operation which will deal especially with unemployment, industrial finance, taxation, and international trade. Reuter.

during the next day or so, until the town is recaptured.

In Canton itself everything is back to normal, and practically all the motor traffic has returned to the streets.

The Canton Agency reports that the vanguards of the 62nd Division, under General Heung Hong-ping, are reported to have arrived on the 18th at Shekkan, in the neighbourhood of Kwangning, where the Ironsides remnants are.

Plight of Ironsides.

General Chang Fat-kwei is believed to be at Kwangning. There is no confirmation of the report he has committed suicide, but it is known that he has only a few hundred of the men that he led in the assault on Canton ten days ago; the rest of his troops have been either wounded, killed or captured. The troops he has at Kwangning are the reserve which he held behind and which did not participate in the recent fighting; they are said to be indifferently armed and poorly supplied with ammunition.

It is not anticipated that the Ironsides will stay to fight, but that they will retire to Waichang on the Kwangsi border and attempt to effect a junction with the Kwangsi rebels.

Yunnan to Help.

General Lung Yun, the Chairman of Yunnan Provincial Government and concurrently the C. in C. of the 10th Army Route, acting under the instructions of the Central Government, has sent two divisions to attack the rear of the Kwangsi rebels. According to a despatch on hand, the Yunnan troops have occupied Ching-chuen and Pa-seh on the Kwangsi border, without encountering any enemy; they are now pushing towards Nanning, the capital of the province. General Liu Woon-yim, one of the Kwangsi leaders, is said to have fled.

Bond Issue.

The Canton News Agency states that owing to the war, the provincial revenue cannot meet the payments of the Administration. The Department of Finance has therefore proposed to issue Pro-

## POPE'S SPEECH TO CONSISTORY.

STRONG EXHORTATION TO  
FAITHFUL.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE.

Vatican City, Dec. 19.

The text of the speech of His Holiness the Pope, delivered on the occasion of the Secret Consistory held on Monday, has been issued for publication.

The Pope exhorts the faithful to "indulge in spiritual exercises." He recalls the fact that Jesus retired into the desert for forty days before starting public life.

The need for spiritual exercises is particularly emphasised because, says the Pope, the greatest ill of modern times is "lack of reflection and constant feverish effusion about externals and an inordinate desire for riches and pleasure."

A special appointment has been made by the Pope relating to China. Monsigneur Thomas Berutti has been appointed Titular Bishop of Kuse and Apostolic Bishop of Pengpu. Reuter.

## NARROW ESCAPE OF GOVERNMENT.

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defeat of the Conservative amendment for rejection by 281 votes to 273, a majority of eight.

The majority which rejected the Conservative amendment consisted of 279 Labour Members (their strength in the Commons is about 288) and two Liberals.

The Minority consisted of 228 Conservatives, 4 Independents, 41 Liberals.

The Liberals who voted against included Mr. Lloyd George. Five Liberals abstained from voting, while twenty members were paired.

A state of great excitement reigned in the Commons throughout the evening. Before the division it was known that the voting would be very close and the actual result was in doubt until the tellers handed in the figures. The Bill subsequently was committed to the Committee of the whole House.

Negotiations will now be resumed between the Government and the various interests and parties with a view to an exhaustive examination in detail. Reuter and British Wireless.

## THE CAPE FLIGHT DISASTER.

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lant officers. Please convey to their families my sincere sympathy."

The first news of the tragedy was brought by a native horseman, who chanced to pass the scene of the disaster. He immediately notified the Civil Controller of the district, but owing to the rough and uninhabited character of the locality the plane was only found late in the afternoon. A detachment of soldiers are now guarding the wreck.

Atlas Spur.

The crash apparently occurred in the hour between sunset and moonrise, during a severe storm. The machine hit the mountainside on a spur of the Atlas Mountains, at the extreme end of the range. It is assumed that the airman in the darkness and storm were attempting to round this spur, which is about 6,000 feet high, when the disaster occurred. By a combination of unforeseen circumstances, they arrived at the most difficult part of the journey at the worst possible time from the point of view of the light. A higher speed and an earlier start—they left Cranwell aerodrome an hour later than had been arranged—would have brought them to the Atlas Mountains in the last of the daylight. Had their speed not considerably exceeded expectations, the late start would not have mattered much, since they would have had the moonlight for the passage over the mountainous region.

The wrecked aeroplane was discovered by Arab and reported to the French authorities, who sent out a party to take charge and to convey the bodies to Tunis. British Wireless.

visional Military Bonds of \$4,000,000, of which one half are to be distributed among the Chambers of Commerce in Canton, Swatow, Hongkong and Fatsan, and the other half among various districts, the bureaux of public safety and other organisations.

The above proposal was passed by the 40th meeting of the Provincial Council, and the Department of Finance has been instructed to issue the bonds.

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